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2d day of the week — At home before breakfast — then gave some attention to the Temperance Cause and was afterward assiduously occupied at the Q. House till near the time of the departure of the Rail Road Cars at 3 O'clk — from the depot in returning stopped to take a lunch on instead of dinner at a Shop on Pine Chase Street that I might be in season at the funeral of Wetton Howland who died on 4th day Morg — at the age of 78 — at the solemnities Huldah Hoag an aged friend from the northern part of the State of Newyork had the principal service — I was too remote however to understand any part of her communications — after the close of the sitting I again repaired to the Q. House and was there till about dark when I stopped at Mathews and after a hasty supper went to the W.G. Session of the Bristol County Anti Slavery Society — Having

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been prevented by unavoidable engagements from attending at the previous Sessions — This was well attended — and there were a number of Speakers, including W. L. Garrison Edmund Quincy, John A. Collins George Bradburn & several col.d individuals of our own Town — principally in relation to the expulsion of Col.d people from R R. Cars. Cabins of Steamboats. body pews of Churches &c — having particular reference to recent expulsion of David Ruggles from the Car appropriated to white people — and to the decision of Justice Henry H Crapo in the case

3.d day 10.h After breakfast went to the Anti Slavery meeting which was adjourned to 7 O'Clk — where I remained till the adjournment which was in time to avail of the Steamboat for Nantucket when the most distinguished Strangers with others were going to hold Anti Slavery Meetings — I Spent the rem.r of the day at the C. House and

his attention to Cg House duties — W.J. at home except a call quite late at C. U. M. to accompany Sister P.L. Mary thence
4th day 11th Gave my time partially to the subject of the Temp.ce Adl. and to Cg. House duties. Rec attended the Funeral Solemnities consequent on the death of Martha Russell — and finished the portion of the day at the Cg. Hse — W.J. at home Walter Mitchell took tea with us
5th Day 12th Spent most of the day at my Cg. House &c — after dinner took the three younger children to give Sue & Ellen some instruction and practice at the Bath House to aid them in acquiring the art of Swimming — their sister Mary went to assist in the preliminary & subsequent arrangements —
Our neighbor Geo & Gertrude Hussey & their guests Morris & Ann Eliza Franklin to tea &c. — Sister Eliza also gave us her Company
6th Day 13th At Market and Howes Book Store before breakfast. Paid some attention to the temp.ce Cause after breakfast and then devoted the rem.r of the day to business at the Cg. House &c except an hour or two after dinner in giving the little girls a lesson in Swimming at the Bath house at my Bro. B.J. farm — went to the

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Meet'g. of the Washington Total abstinence Society in the ev'g — which was well attended, the addresses were by Lathin & Stubbs — the latter was not so effective as I expected to find him, as I had supposed that he was not the man that I found him to be — On getting home found Mrs. Alex. Gibbs here — and her husband called for her at the last of the ev'g — but I had to go about an hour later to Robeson's to accompany our daughter Mary home. So absorbed is the fashion of the times as to visiting that it was probably mid night before the Company had all retired — We learned from Mrs. Gibbs that Mr. Snow expects to be here on 5th Day next & unless discouraged by the dissatisfaction of some of the Cong'n. to preach on the ensuing Sabbath —

7th Day 14th Morn'g. at home except the usual Catering errand — forenoon partly given to the Temp.ce Cause. made a call at Mothers, found her yet troubled with pain in her Shoulder & some pain in breathing which dates from the ev'g. of her visit to us — but she thought herself better than yesterday though not so well as a few days ago — after Dinner I went to the bath

house to give the little girls another lesson in the art of swimming. remainder of the afternoon as well as the part of the forenoon not appropriated as above was devoted to Cy. house employments. — In the evening met a few of the friends of Temperance to consult relative to the visit of Messrs Hawkins & Crosby which we learned was to be on the 5th day of next week — at this meet[g] I was instructed to apprise the several clergymen of the arrangement — and the rem[r] of the ev[g] was spent in preparg. notes to that end aided by ma Chas H.

1st Day 15th Rode before breakfast to the different Churches to deposite Temperance Papers for distribution among the Sabbath Scholars, attended mtg at Friends Place of worship, and in the ev[g] made a call with ma Chas H at our neighbor Sally Russells on acct. of the bereavement which they have just met with in the death of her daughter Martha — had calls between meetings from Thos & Sibyl Roberts & their little Anna — & Andw Roberts Jr & Cath[e] Lea — the Rev. Mr. Jenkins and Neh[h] Leonard also called with reference to my notice relative to the expected visit of Mr. Hawkins, it was arranged that the mtg. on 5th day the beginning

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2d day 16th At the C.J. House before breakfast after that meal went with the little Girls to the bath house to give them a Swimming lesson Spent the rest of the day at the C.J. House he and in the ev. rode with Mrs. Merchant & Mary to a Party at Elder Drinkers. made for S.G. & Car. Morgan.
3d day 17th At home before breakfast after went with the little girls to bathe — which from the absence of Alex. at the proper hour detained me till quite late in the forenoon, gave some attention to the temp. Cause and was afterward at the C.J. House principally engaged for the same subject — took supper at mothers on my way to a mg. of the Exec. of the Cause at the Bethel, called at A. Roberts with reference to it and on getting home was engaged in writing to Boston with reference to the Doctrine visit of Mr. Hawkins & Mr. Crosby — Our little Frs. has been unwell for three days & confined to the house — feverish &c — sent for D. Read this ev. but he was out, requested that he might call in the mg — if unable to do so this mg.
4th day 18th went to Post Office &c before breakfast — after to the Bath House

with the children — The tide was too high for more than one to have my attention — and I took Sue in, the depth was over her head — but this was not the worse for her exercise — and she Showed some progress towards the art of sustaining herself in the water — but the daily immersion, with less exercise myself than when bathing for a different object, and the want of the vigorous action which is important to restore the System to the usual Standard of heat — made me a little unwell, with head ache & Chilliness, so that I was not able to be about as usual in the afternoon though I endeavored to attend to some appointments relative to the expected visit of Mr. Hawkins — but found it necessary to return home before night and to retire early to bed, with fomentations — Dr. Reed who was in attendance on little Frank prescribed —

6th Day 19th Remained at home except a ride to the Rail Road, to meet the cars at their arrival, and Mr. Hawkins & Co early — but they did not come in the Mg. train and I did not go again — but took such other measures as seemed required of me and spent the rest of the day at home ready &c — Eng. spent in doing some writing which I was unable to do at the Eg House — Henry Chase & Capt. Chs. Wood called —

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on business — the former in relation to a new road at Fall River — Dr. Reed called twice — he found me not needing further attention but little Frank seems to have a low fever intermitting in the forenoon & returning in the afternoon & eve — so as to disqualify him for sitting up or reading — though pretty comfortable at best he has been confined to the house since 7th day when he went on a boat Excursion with the little Davises — in the forenoon and ret.d apparently only a little wet in the feet & cold and tired about 10 Oclk —

6th day 20th Found myself pretty well again and rose not much later than usual — and attended to the M.g. devotions soon after breakfast had a call from Messrs Crosby & Hawkins who arrived in the late Cars and held a very interesting meeting last eve.g in the Wm St Church — J. M. Spear & Mr Reed called also with reference to the Temp.ce Cause — I went with the two first & J. M. S. to the Grove near my bro B's farm Garden where religious M.gs have been recently held to see whether it would be eligible for a temp. M.g. On 1st day afternoon at 5 Oclk — stopped on return f. at the Town Hall, the Open Space in front of which was deemed more favorable for an Assemblage of our cit

views to be addressed from the Portico if the weather Sh.d be pleasant and that plan was subsequently decided on. — Attended to some unfinished business, after spending the rem.r of the forenoon with Mr. C. here and and at Jas. Arnold's, designed for the N. York Express (but not completed in season), I called again on Mr. C. and went with him to Mr. Robeson — called at some other places on temp.e & other business — and went with them to the Hall of the Wash.n Soc.y & I to the Police judge — afterwards to consult some of the Proprietors of the 1st Christ.n Soc.y rel.ative to the use of their Church on 1st day ev.g if the weather Sh.d be unfit for an address in the open air — then to the Tem. Mg. for Children — and after tea to the Mg. for Adults — which closed the day — The house was well filled (1st Ch.n Soc.y but the address was s.d not to be equally interesting with that last ev.g at the Wm St. Ch. — Ma chere H.t & Mary at B. W. Morgans Party — whither the former went to oblige sister S. — as she was averse to leaving little Frank — who is feverish and wakeful till a late hour this ev.g —

7th Day 21 At home except a Catechising Band before breakfast — after that meal remained at home till about the hour of the arrival of the Rail Road Cars from Boston when I went

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to the depot to meet my bro: in law Edwd: and his nephew Henry Barrow but ere him I got there the former had taken his seat, and as I had other use for my horse let Henry go in the same carriage and I went to make enquiry for Capt. Hattlestone and took Mr. Crosby to see Gilbert Richmond relative to the Cold Water Army — an arrangement having been made for Mr. Hawkins to meet Gideon Howland at Robe-sons I went in search of him found him at his lodgings and took him (Mr. Hawkins) thither — Obtained from Capt Hattlestone the requisite information relative to a passage for old Mr. Latham in the Steerage of his ship or his next voyage to Liverpool, he thought she would be more comfortable on the passage if deferred till Capt. Delano's next trip in the Patrick Henry on the 7th of Oct: the terms for Steerage Passengers outward is from £5 to £2 they find themselves with provisions &c — Spent an hour at the Gymnasium and devoted the afternoon and eve'g to the Temp: Cause — was present at part of the exercises at the Friends Christian Church where Mr. Crosby made the Cold Water Army, addresses and temperance songs were made & sung by Mr. Crosby and others, and the Children, the number

& names were near 600 — On leaving the Church the Children & others walked in procession to the Town Hall through Purchase & Union St. Chapstick, when they were arranged in front of the Steps — and an address was made them by Mr. Hawkins two Songs were sung by the Children & with three Cheers for Cold Water — they dispersed, all much pleased with the afternoons entertainment and evincing a considerable of the enthusiasm which it was the object of the proceedings now begun & to be continued at stated periods as shall be decided by those who manage this division of the State Corps. to excite for the good Cause — After I had taken measures to send my horse & buggy to take the two gentlemen to Mattapoisett where a Mg. was to be held this evg. I spent the A.M. in preparing notices to be the dift. Clergymen relative to the Mg. at the Town Hall tomorrow — Called at Andrews to get him to take measures to complete the Staging on the portico of the Town Hall, which was imperfectly done, owing to the illness of the person who had it in Charge — I omitted to mention yesterday a Call by Dan'l Ricketson relative to the resignation by Mr. Bugbee of the Rectorship of Grace Church, which he has tendered as we were informed to our regret —

12 f.m. Day 22. At home [illegible] to the Mg. meeting which I attended at friends house little Frank remains about the same fever of a moderate character but no abatement it is now one week since he has been confined to the house exclusive of 7th day of last week when he was at home, but busied in one way or other and not considered by himself or us more than transiently indisposed, since that day he has been mostly on the bed. Called after dinner to make some arrangements about the Mtg. at the Town Hall to be addressed by Mr. Hawkins — The weather being a little rainy the plan of how? the audience mainly out of doors was given up and the hall filled with seats from the Mechanics Hall &c There was a temporary Stage about 3 ft. high erected in the Door way and he there spoke so as to be well heard by all within the Hall and partially by those without — but he exerted his voice to a degree inconsistent with his own health and safety — he spoke about an hour and then sat he was admonished by a sensation in his head to desist — and while a Collection was taken up Mr. Crosby made some remarks and related some interesting anecdotes of the Temp.ce reformation — Prayer was offered at the open.g of the Mtg by the Rev. Mr. Knight

of the Methodist Society — After the Mg. was over and I had taken tea I went to the Hall of the Wash^n. Soc^y. where Hawkins was expected — He spoke at some length — and was a little interrupted by a half drunk Sailor set on by some or one rumseller — several signed the pledge — Charles Smith of Phil^a Called and spent the eve. with me chez H — My engagement at the Washingtonian Meeting, prevented my seeing him — I attended the Mariners Ch^h. in the afternoon, having previously called at Mothers & A Roberts —

2^d. day 23^d At home before breakfast except a visit to the market — after made a call on Ch^l Smith — and finished the forenoon in making a call at Rumhills' with Jn^o. Hawkins and at the Hall of the reformed men &c. afterward went to write at the Cg Hse — afternoon mostly at home read in little Franks room then to the Cg. Hse till dark. thence to a Mg. of the Com^te of Temp^ce w^h. finished the day called at mothers on my way to the Bethel where the Mg was held — found her better, pretty much relieved of the pain in her shoulder & chest which has troubled her somewhat of late — little Frank still continues with a steady fever but comparatively comfortable — becoming weaker daily from abstinence

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3d day 24 At home till I went on an errand to the Market — called afterward at the lodgings of N. Crosby & J. Hawkins, neither at them met the former soon after and remained with him till near the time of his leaving for Nantucket. Mem: of the day at the Cg House principally devoted to writing Circulars to the Clergymen of the Town on the subject of Temperance — left the Cg House at Dusk and called at Mothers. She is pretty free from the pain which has troubled her since her visit to us — left at home, little Frank remains about the same, fever unabated but moderate —

4th day 25 At home before breakfast and and through the day at the Cg House. left at home. little Frank has been comfortable through the day & last night I hope that he begins to amend — or the symptoms to abate — Bro. Edmund took little Henry & the Children on a ride to the head of the Pejepscot &c.

5th day 26th Morning at home — Day spent mostly in County. house duties went after dinner with Sue & Ellen & little Henry Barrow to the Bath house to give them some instruction in swimming walked part of the distance thither and followed the Rail Road track to the depot returning — for the exercise, to excite and restore the natural heat before & after the

operation. I contin. my way on foot to the Cy. House which fully restored the warmth of the system — left the Cy. House at dark — Georgiana Riddell and her bro in law Stevenson called in the ev. the latter being on a visit from Louisville — Ed Authony was also here — little Frank remains without much change, a very patient little boy in his prostration

6th day 27th At Mkt. Le before breakfast forenoon devoted principally to a conference with some of the members of the Onondaga Salt Cy. in relation to a proposition by Isaac S. Smith of Buffalo for the Cy. to take his Store in that place by advancing 10.000 to redeem it from its present encumbrance (a judgment Sale) and thereby have a chance of realizing the Co's debt which now amounts to about $16.000 which he has otherwise no prospect of being able to pay. as his liabilities for his foreign partners &c the Macys in addition to his own debts, makes it necessary to get a discharge under an assignment, if he cannot otherwise be released — took time for deliberation — Afternoon at the Cy. House. eve at A Robesons when I took supper & Chas Morgans, about the Eastern business, went late at night to Stevt. and went to J. Davys for Nancy who was there at a Party

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but as the comp[y]. were not dispers[g]. - I returned with the intention of going again - little Frank continues without other change that I perceive except increasing debility from disease and abstinence

7th day 28th At home before breakfast except an errand to Mket and to the R. R. Office - forenoon at the Mg. House came home about 12 to make a call on Jos. P Smith & wife at Cousin Anna Rotch's and also her bro[r] Charles - afternoon at the Mg House mg. at home, called at mothers Att and found her comfortable - the pain which followed her visit to us having left her - Dr. Reed called twice - Frank remains without much change

1st Day 29 - Occupied before breakfast in repeating notices given at the Sabbath School and Congregations of the Temp[ce]. meetings to-morrow - attended meetings at Friends House - had the 1st Day mg. reading in the room where little Frank is sick - little Henry read with the other Children. he has a very good voice & enunciation

2d. day 30th Morng & forenoon at Mket & a shot time at the Mg House. forenoon writing out my Journal of the weather read[g] &c the rain making it inconvenient to go abroad went to the Mg. House calling at mothers

on the way — afternoon had a call from Mr Crosby. and went with him to the hall of the Mach.s Soc.y and to the place of meet.g for the Ladies — but the weather was so unpleasant that the house was not opened devoted the latter part of the afternoon to Cg. the business — and in the ev.g attended a Temperance meeting at the Methodist Meg. at Acushnet Village — which was rather small on acc.t of the weather — I took Mr Crosby in my buggy and got home about ½ after 10

3. day 31. devoted the forenoon to a consultation of the Com.te relative the funds raised for the Temp.ce Cause. decided to give the whole to Mr Crosby — and as the conference was too much frustrated to admit of my handing it to him personally as he left at 10 Clock for Fall River — I wrote a Letter. to remit the same to him at Taunton where he expects to be to-morrow to spend a couple of days — called at Mothers and spent a short time at the Cg. House. In the afternoon took judge Spooners Office in my way calling at the principal dram Shops on Market Square to give them notice that I was going to lodge a complaint against them if they were not ready to avow their determination forthwith to

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desist from the destructive business as the world not make such an avowal I intend complaints — I called at the Hall of the Wash.n Society and having heard that T. Cole had given up the rum business went to ascertain the fact with a view of entering a Complaint if I found it otherwise — I found him behind the Counter dealing out the destroying draught — had a long Conversation with him and his Customers — he declared it was his intention to give up the business as soon as his present assortment was broken by the exhaustion of any one of his liquor Casks — I afterward conversed with him in private. and concluded to defer for a day or two any legal action — by the time I got away it was six O'Clk, I then went to to the C.G. House to improve the remaining day light — Eve at home — except a call at D. Reads to bring home the little girls who were visiting there — little Francis is about the same no decided improvement

4th. Day 9 mo 1 Went to give the Children a bath after breakfast the tide was too low for a good lesson in Swimming — We walked from the Gate on C.G. Road to the bath house

and from it by the Rail Road to the Depot to excite & restore the heat of the System
I continue my walk to the Ston — left rather early to call and see Prof. Farrar and his wife my Cousin Eliza. but was detained by a call at a couple of Grog Shops till rather late I however went to my Aunt' and had a Short call upon them — they being out I Mr. not have seen more of them if I had been earlier — Mrs Follen was also of their company She still feels the deep affliction of the death of her talented and estimable husband in the ill fated Lexington — devoted much of the time after Dinner in a visit to a grog shop — where I had a considerable audience — but the talk was concluded with a promise from the Keeper to quit the unhappie after to day — Mr. of the Day I pass of the Wg. at the G. House — where I had a Conversation with Maurice Buckley on the occasion of my notice that he Wd. be wanted at the Police Court to testify against Port. Riley — he showed great repugnance to the duty and told him he must then indeem Riley to quit his bad business and thus he might be spared the necessity of witnessing against him — little Frank Continues without decided improve-

5th day 9 mo. 2. Went to the C. House before breakfast where I was detained till the fam. were at the mg. meeting thereby losing our usual devotional reading — after going to the Bank Director's Mtg I went with the Children to the Bath House — remr of the forenoon devoted to business at the C. House afternoon called to see Blake & Horton about their violations of the license law but failed to meet either — saw at the house of the latter Mr. Marchant who took the portraits of Ed & Mary when they were very young and he in the rudiments of his art — He invited me to his room to see a beautiful Madonna which he had just painted — it appeared to me to be very well done — remr of the afternoon at the C. House — stopped at Mothers and took supper on my way to the mg. of the Temp. & Comf. Soc — afterward at home — little Frank at the same fever rather less but much debility & emaciation — it is three weeks to day since the Boating amusement we suppose laid the foundation of his illness — Mary was expecting to go to Fall River to spend a week with her aunt but Frank's situation induced the postponement of the expected pleasure

6th day 3d morng employed as usual in providing for the daily wants of the family — forenoon considerably occupied in giving the Children another lesson in Geometry at the Bath House remr devoted to business — much of the afternoon occupied in looking over the Boston News with which I was in arrear — remr at the Cg. House, Evg. at home — Francis has passed considerably better to day as to his fever — but his face is swelled and troublesome occasioned probably by an abscess of the gums — Evg. at home

7th day 4th — At home PM in the usual way took the Children to bathe after which part somewhat detained by finding the Bath House occupied on getting there — caught by a shower in returning — which wet us considerably as we were in the wagon — I went to the bank & Cg. House after the thunder & Rain were over — after dinner took old Mrs Latham and her niece Margaret to the Depot the former being on her return to her friends in England, she being in indigent circumstances & her friends here being unable to support her while she has those in her native land who are both able & willing to do so — remr of the day in Cg Hse dutie

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beg at home — Francis seems nearly free from fever — may this providential admonition to improve our time wisely be not lost on him or on us — his face has contin. increasing by troublesome — affecting his taking food and this beg so painful as for a little whole to overpower his fortitude — Sister P. by her devotion to him has neglected herself and is threatened with another of her frequent affections of the throat & Chest —

1. day 5th. Except attending Meetings (Friends) I was and going on an errand for Francis to mothers I spent the day at home beg also — Mrs L Lydia Greene Called late — Dr. Read made two visits — but his little patient seems free of fever & likely to do well with careful nursing

2. day 6th. rose early to take Mary to Fall River to spend the week at her aunts set off a little after 6 & a½ there a little before 8 — and in time for their breakfast I returned after breakfast had two horses to C. W. M.'s buggy, mine not being fitted for two horses arrived about 11½ and then went to mothers the afternoon at the Cg Home beg. at home — Brother Edmund expected to leave us to day but was detained by bodily indisposition

3 day 7th — Mostly at home before breakfast — forenoon occupied partly at the Police office, a short time at the Cg. House took Sue & Ellen to bathe H. Barrow accompanying us but not joining in the Bath. on account of his expected departure with his uncle for Newyork — afternoon went to the Depot with bro. C & H. and finished the afternoon at the Cg. House. Eng. called at Mothers to see Wm Pound who with his daughter Anna Maria & Sister Nelleyes were there at tea —

4th Day 8th At Mkt. before breakfast which interfered with our Mg. devotional read — Called at Aunt Nancy's & Mothers with reference to Comfy. for Wm Broad daughter on the side which I had engaged to take with him — thence to the Cg House — at 11 met with Sister Eliza W. P. & D. round the town south to Jos Davis's, and returned by Cg Road Acushnet, Fairhaven, the Ferry. & bridge left all at Mothers where our Cousins dined afternoon devoted to writing to our Sons relative to their return home — and to the celebration of the Washington Total Abstinence Society — at Starkweather Grove which was very numerously attended, the addresses by Lakin, Hathaway, Congdon, Parker, Richmond & Hunt were very appropriate and interesting — the weather delightful and the whole occasion very encouraging

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and auspicious to the good Cause — probably there were 5000 persons present, 108 Candidates at one time on the ground — the Exercises during the Pic nic entertainment & the clearing off the well furnished tables of their tempting load closed with the afternoon and the Comp[y]. returned and dispersed at the Hall about Sunset —

It was an occasion never equalled in deep & solemn interest and I trust will tell well for the onward reform —

5th Day 9th At home & Meet. before breakfast — at the Police Ct. room & Cg. House after — at Mothers & Cg Hse afternoon. Cg. at home — Francis continues to gain Strength & his appetite

6th Day 10th At home before breakfast, — forenoon at the Whf & Cg House, afternoon principally devoted to the temp[ce] Cause — called at Mothers on my way at dusk from the Cg House — found her with a cold affecting the throat in addition to the Catarrh which annually troubles her at this Season of the year —

Cg. at home writing to C.C. Stew[t]

7th Day 11th Went to A Robesons' and to the RR Depot before breakfast, after attended to some business for Richd Johnson and went to the Steamboat to send a letter

to Nantucket — Stopped on my return at C. B. Brooks' new Shop lately established to expostulate with him against his destructive business and to appraise him if he did not discontinue it that he would be complained of to the Judge of the Police Court — finished the forenoon at the C.J. House, but returned home earlier than usual to write letters to go by the afternoon train to New York — took the little girls after dinner and to bath stopping at the R.R. Depot took them home ~~after~~ and then devoted a considerable time to the temperance cause — & the rem^r of the afternoon to C.J. Hse duties evg. at home

1st day 12th Attended Meeting AM at Friends place of Worship and in the afternoon at Grace Church called in the evg. at Mothers with Mr Chew & after the devotional reading in Franks room he participating in the Hymns — he has sat up most of the day — Cornelia Grinnell and Robt. Swain called — and J. H. Clif. at the Close of the afternoon Mrs L. O. Prescott in the evg — in neither case were we at home

2d. day 13 At home before breakfast then called at J. H. Clifford's Office then to the C.J. Hse called at Mothers on my way afternoon at the C.J. House

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day at home — Capt. Edw. Gardner called — he is now on his way to his residence in Ohio with his wife and one child, after making a visit of a couple of months to their native island — He declines Capt. Stewarts offer of the J. Stewart for a voyage to the Pacific

3d day 14th Mo. at home made arrangements to send Alex. with the Carriage to Fall River for Mary & Mary Dunkers but on calling at Mothers after breakfast found that Sister Eliza wished to go and therefore Alex. expedition was superceded — I went to the Cg. House and spent an hour in riding round the Town with Capt. Edw Gardner and wife with their little boy of 9 mos Old who has the Whooping Cough and looks very delicate, they leave this afternoon for their home in the N. W. part of Ohio — made a call or two in the afternoon in relation to the Rum Traffickers and spent the remr of the time at the Cg. House day at home, Cousin James Arnold called — Our D. Mary arrived just after dark having had a very pleasant visit at her Aunts. We suppose that our Son Isaac Haviland to day to come home unattended.

4th. day 15th. Engaged at the Cy. House most of the day called at Uncle Williams with Ina Chickk to see my cousin Mary Emerson — We made a late Call as she was out on "Similar occasion — Lay at home — Called to see mother who is pretty well not so much troubled as sometimes with her Catarrh

5th day 16th. Necessarily engaged at the Cy. House before breakfast after attended to some things went to the depot of the Rail Road to meet Our Sons Edwin & Thos. whom I had the pleasure to meet on the arrival of the Cars in good health The Carriage took them home and I being in a two horse Vehicle of my own I returned to the Cy. to attend to my business engagements — which are rather pressing, either for my own or public objects — After noon at the Cy. House, & at home.

6th. day 17th. At home before breakfast after this my friend gave considerable time to consultation and action relative to the repairing Ed's Wardrobe, called with him at Mothers — and devoted the remainder of the day principally to business at the office of Cy. House — I attended a Meeting of the Ex. board of the Port Lock in the evening after which I in quest of Mr Roberson I went to his house, Mothers and afterwards

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to the temp.ᵉ M.J. at the hall of the Washington Society. where he was and read the close of the M.J. I consulted him on the subject of the St. John business and at a very late hour wrote a letter on the subject for the Steamboat from Boston to-morrow - This occupied me till the return of our children Ed & Mary from an ev.g. party at bro: Williams which according to the absurd custom of the times began late in the ev.g. and ended about midnight

7th Day 19 - Called at Ch.M. Morgan's to show him a letter I had prepared to dispatch by the Steamer from Boston this ev.g. to St. John - devoted the day to endeavor to obtain subscriptions to the Seamen's Home, with very partial success gave some time time to the temp.ᵉ Cause at the Police Court &c - Called at Mathers before dinner & rode home with my bro: B - ev.g. at home, on returning to tea found that C. Randall who had been with our sons (Mary) in the yard had about 15 or 20 minutes before, had a fall which dislocated his left elbow - found him in the Parlor with D. Whittridge who had been called - he soon succeeded in replacing the joint - it was a painful but quick operation and he soon after walked

home attended by Edw.d & his cousin S.R. Morgan who took tea with us — J.R. Shivers & Called in the ev.g to see ma chere H. in relation to Grace Church — and F.M. Weld and Eliz.h Rodman Called at late hour — saw them in the dining room the other rooms being too cool for comfort —

1.st Day 19 — Attended Meeting Self & P.M. at Friends place of worship — rec.d to father after dinner till the ev.g hour in J.J. Gurney's work on the distinguishing Characteristics of Friends — had Calls from Several young people and Charles & Sarah and two of their Children — and in the ev.g from F.A. Green — we hear that Chas Rendall is doing well, his parents are absent on a visit to Richmond Va. — Ed.d & Mor.s with Mary & Ellen Called to see their aun Mary — and Ed.d his grandmother

2.d day 20.th Devoted myself to the Cause of Learning in Soliciting Subscription for the HOME — had Partial success — At Sunset Called into one or two Shops where liquor has been recently Sold — and held a long Conversation with one of them who felt aggrieved at a Complaint which I made against him — thence to the C.y Home to replace my books for the night ev.g and then a few minutes this morning —

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3d day 21 At home before breakfast except an errand to the Market. J. & Robertsons — devoted the forenoon after a considerable time spent in reading the news in attention to the duty of getting donations & subscriptions for the Seamen's boarding House ~~made~~ and to making several calls on the Temperance subject viz at Talent Tipps and Holmes — took Jn° Bryant with me in my bro: B's Buggy to save the walk to the two last — Spent a part of the afternoon in calling for subscriptions, and most of the time at a meeting of the proprietors of the land So Lander Jos R. Williams agent in Michigan — Called afterward at Brothers, after tea went to the wedding of our niece Martha Robinson and Alanson Tinkes — at which our children except Fis. who was not well enough & Ellen who is too young were present — It was an interesting and pleasant time — my mother was also there — and one of the most pleasing facts about it was that no ~~e~~ libation of alcoholic beverages

formed any part of the handsome entertainment — Sister Lydia & husband and daughter went there for Fall River — we got home about half past 11 — and were among the last having been detained to see the young members before us in the Cab.

4th Day 22. At home some time after breakfast and afterwards occupied in relation to the Seamen's Home. in obtaining Subscriptions for which I make but slow progress — met George Howland as I was going towards my G. House near his Store giving some directions about repairing the road to his wharf which had become very rough by the wash of the waters from the Street above — I thought it a fitting occasion to say a word about his making a way for me across his lot to my Wharf that I might enjoy the use and advantage of the Northerly extension of Water Street, as I had fully expected, and which was the only inducement which I had to incur the expense and trouble and liability on Bonds to the Town relative to the expense of removing the impediment on the Score of Compensation claimed by B. Lincoln for removing his house and for the land which it would take above the sum voted

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the town in which liability George refused to participate — But again, as he had done twice before though less distinctly and so as to leave a hope that he would not after mature reflection on the case be so unjust, he disclaimed all obligation to do any thing for my accommodation — thereby violating as I conceive the sacred claims of equity, honor & friendship, to which he was fully committed, by the previous transactions, consultations and joint agreements in relation to the P. improvement, as clearly as he could have done if he had refused the fulfilment of an engagement to which he was held by the most binding legal formalities, — and more so, because then would there have been remedy at hand, but here was a matter purely confidential between friends, as I always supposed, and neighbors having a mutual interest in an important public measure, & which of course I expected to share in the benefit of when completed — but not leaving it altogether to implication on his part I distinctly stated at different times when the subject was under consideration by the parties interested in his presence and hearing that for any accommodation I would leave it entirely to his option whether he

contin^d the road Straight to my premises or gave me a passage by the West end of my Store — to said to relieve him from any supposed obligation to be at any considerable expense for my special advantage which might otherwise have been implied. — He made no reply to my remarks on that occasion though made for his understanding more especially, but of this I thought nothing. The matter was too clear to need any explanation. My object in what I did and was willing to do could not be mistaken, and I most unequivocally believe was not by him or any one else. — and it was rather a matter of form and almost needless precaution, as it would appear, that I made the observation which I did — and nothing further passed on the subject between us till by the near completion of the Street, and his delay in commencing his operations measures for my accommodation, I called it to his mind some weeks since, and met with the cold indifference to which I have alluded — and which has now followed up by a clear manifestation of the most selfish and unfriendly feelings. for which I think he must be condemned by every one who knows circumstances and is capable of a just appreciation of them

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— After the interview with George, which was continued till we parted near the Post Office after 11 and 2. a considerable time where I introduced the Conversation, I rode (in my bro. B's Gig) to Jno. A Parker's house to get his contribution or pledge if he was willing to give it in aid of the effort to establish a Sailors home, left with him the book for his inspection and reflection — afternoon at the C.H. House & w.f. at Lomeroic of the Lyceum.

5th Day 23. Morn.g. at home, afterbreakfast went to the Bank Directors mg. then to the C.H. House — afternoon rode with my bro Thos. to Jamestown in the Cause of the home for Seamen, Spent the time till w.f. with very poor success — and after tea (at which meal we had Walter Mitchell) I went to a Special meeting of the Lyceum

6th Day 24th — Mg. at home, after breakfast I attended to the Sailors Cause with small success, and again in the afternoon with similar result. Spent a short time at the C.H. House towards w.f. and — called at C.M. Morgans after tea, and ended the w.f at a late hour in writing to C.C. Stewart &c

7th Day 25th At home except delivering a letter at the R. Road Office — after

breakfast had some conversation on the Temperance Cause &c &c — afternoon at the Cg. House — till late dinner hour writing letters to be forwarded by the bridal party from N. Coleons — most of the afternoon read the newspaper from Boston in which was J. Q. Adams able Speech on the McLeod question, in which the Authorities and people of New York [the Empire State!] have acted so wickedly and so absurdly — finished the afternoon at the Cg. House. w. J. at home. principally in looking over my Diary to ascertain some points which were referred to in conversation

1st. day 26th. Attended meeting as usual and remained at home the rest of the day — Anna Jenkins & Mary Allen from Rhode Island were there and preached — My reading has been principally a review of a part of my Diary — I was in Father's room while the w. devotional exercises were had with the Children. Father is more feeble than any season heretofore. and is but

2. day 27th. At market. and Bank and Cg. House. Children. w. J. at home — The two elder ~~boys~~ went to Tea ~~at the Panorama of the Bay of Gibraltar in New Zealand this week~~ Mrs

~~3. day 28th.~~ Engaged as usual morning & forenoon, partly at the Cg. House occupied in relations to the Claim which my Father has here on Rowland Ryder's farm. D. Davenport

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also having a claim on S. Farm by deed from his Son David C Rider — but as I took legal possession more than three years, I suppose that my title is good in law as well as equity — Rode on horse back into Dartmouth with my two eldest Children — and called at R.R.'s — and met in going out D.D. who had been there, troubled at the discovery that his title was less perfect than he had supposed — took Susan round the Square in Gipsey going on foot by the side of him, for her security — after tea went to a meet. of a few friends of Temp.ce at J.B. Congdon's Office say about 7 o'clock at Bank — with Ma Chair to. to call at Cousin J. Arnolds found J. only at home Cousin Sarah being at J.B. Congdons at a mg. of the members of the Un.n Ch.h or some of them, a stated mg. with their Pastor Mr Peabody — Rhine went to make a call at Sarah Coffins with Ma chair to, or Lydia Greene —

3. day 24th Occupied as usual most of that day gave some attention to the Temp.ce Cause — at the Cg. House till dark — after tea went to a mg. of a few friends of Temp.ce at the Merchants Bank. in regard to raising funds for the Warrington Total abstinence Society &

Edmund & Thomas to see Catherwood's Panorama of the Bay of Islands New Zealand —
4th Day 29th Occupied at the Cg. House and in relation to the P. Lock. Act. — Pell spent much of the afternoon in fitting our lamps for an evg. Party for Car. & S. Griffitts Morgan & other friends — went to the Cg. House towards evg. and after tea had the Comp. of our friends —
5th Day 30th Spent some time with reference to the P. Lock — Sem. at Cg. House duties after dinner walked to the Rail Road, but was too late for the Cars, the hour of Starting being 2¼ instead of 2½ O'Clk — Improved the opportunity to call on Jacob Holmes & expostulate with him against his practice of Rum Selling — Saw there Alex. Faber in a State of intoxication, he is brother to Susan Faber formerly in our family when a child — He was for several years employed in the Paper Manf. by me & Ch. W. Morgan and afterward by the latter alone — He was then & appeared to be a very prudent and sedate young man — He was afterward in a low State of mind probably occasioned by drink — and at length became a fool — for which he was put in the State Lunatic Asylum and returned much improved — but he has relapsed into his former habits — afterward went

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to the Cg House and staid till 4 - On getting home found a party of 15 to 20 children visiting our younger children. it was an interesting little group filling a long table so as to exclude the adults of the family except mother th. mine of whom had some employment in waiting upon the little folkes ____ I called after tea at uncle Wm's on business - bro: Wm & Dr. Reed called to take home two of the children - A- & the 7th day 10mo 8 I went 4 O'Clk called by appointment at the Custom House to meet my Colleagues & the Commrs mg's Com^e — viz- Wm H. Taylor & Capt^n Mervyhew —

6th day 10mo 9 — Writing at home before breakfast in reference to the proposed appeal for funds for the N. T. A. Soc^y, afterward went to the Cg. house and returned about 10 to go to my Brother Benj^n's daughter's marriage with Francis N. Welch — went with mother th & dr. Mary at 11 O'Clk the ceremony was very appropriately conducted by Mr Peabody — the company dispersed about 12 — and they set off in the R. R. train at 2¼ O'Clk — her father & Francis's sister accompanying them as far as New York — F & E's destination being

New Bleans — to part with her for so remote a residence for the ensuing 6 months made the occasion unusually affecting — I spent most of the afternoon at home and at the Cg. House, writg. an article for the papers relative to funds for the Mash.ts Relief Assoc.n Soc.y — left at home — Ed.d & Thos. at their Uncle Morgans to tea — Mother was at the Marriage — The weather quite cool so as to make fire quite essential to comfort — had ours kindled in the Library towards ev.g — hav.g had a fire there twice before 7.th day 2.d At Mkt. before breakfast — after to the Jail to get some information relative to the State of the prison in connection with the Temperance reformation did not succeed in consequence of the absence of the Keeper Went to the Cg. House, & called at Aunt Mary's to pay out of Jourdains premises, called also at my bro.r Williams, afternoon at the Cg. House & ev.g at home Mary Ruggles who was left at her grandmothers by her parents on their return from the wedding was with us at dinner and tea, her Aunt Eliza also at the latter meal. 1.st day 3 — Attended meeting at Friends' place of Worship A.M & P.M. the weather a violent N.E. Storm. I went alone in the m.g. Thos. with me in the afternoon others within doors

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all day — Eve. at home. had the usual Scripture reading by the Children and hymns
2. day 4h. Attended the Bank directors Mg. and called at mothers to see after her and the effects of the Storm which blew over one of the Chimneys of her house wh the S.E. about 4 O'Clk. this Mg. Several others of our inhabitants suffered in the same way and Edw. M. Robinson's new Oil manufy. at the foot of Willis Street had part of its North Wall demolished — Considerable trouble was had about the Ships yesterday and last night to secure them against the violence of the Gale, the wind veering N.E & N. so that it did not bring in a great tide — In Boston I have no doubt they were overflowed and experienced much damage at the Wharves — Our Garden was a good deal mutilated plants & trees & arbs broken — found mother well they were not aware that their Chimney had fallen though the idea was suggested by the concussion — This as well as B.M. Mis. fell off the house to do little injury in the fall — But what head of sad disasters on the Coast in such Commotion of the Elements we should look to God to save the poor Mariner for vain is the help of Man — How adverse as a general observation are the habits of thought

of this Class of men from what they ought to be when we reflect on the extraordinary perils to which they are subjected — and how delinquent are their employers in providing the facilities for their moral & intellectual improvement — after we mothers attended to Cg. Hse duties, and after dinner went to the Jail to inspect the Register with reference to the temp.y Cause — then called on my Colleagues of the Temp.y Com.tee and closed the day at the Cg. House when I was detained till a little in the ev.g so as not to be able to join the family at their ev.g meal — afterwards at home with them

3.d day 5.th Morning at home after breakfast called at the Mansion house to invite Mr. Jocelyn of New Haven Portrait Painter, who is here in feeble health to go to Fayal to avoid the winter in one of the whale Ships — to dine, then went to the Custom House to meet my Colleagues on the Com.tee for procuring Funds for the "Work.s' F. A. Soc.y" which subject occupied me in one way or other till dinner. found Mr. J. a very agreeable man and went with him in the afternoon to make some enquiry about the Condor whose Capt.n has not yet been here to be consulted as to taking him to leave at Fay.l Isl.d — as it is not certain that they shall touch there — spent the last of the afternoon at the

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Cg. House. and was late at tea — W. at home — The 3 elder Children spent the last of the ev. at Gov. Randall's where was a party of young folks — They left to begin the visit about the time that in the days of my boyhood such Companies were about accustomed to end their

4th. day 6th. At home before breakfast after Br. took our sons to the tailors to bespeak the clothes for their winter Session which took a considerable time, then to the Cg. House, having previously called at Mothers. In the afternoon made an attempt to go to the head of the River and Fairhaven in the Carr of the Seamen's Home, with Edmund in the Buggy but was induced to turn back on acc. of rain after getting about a mile on the way

5th. day 7th. Went to the Whf & Cg. House before breakfast, after called with Theo. and Frank at the Taylors, and St. Jocelyn at the Mansion House and went with him to Wm. A Wall's room — when I stopped some time and then repaired to the Cg. House, afternoon at the Cg. House, ev. at home except an hour at the Mtg. of the Temp. Conv. — Mr. Jocelyn call-in the afternoon and went with me then to to Jas. Arnold to show him the works of art

with which their house is embellished, the family except Anna are on a journey having gone to meet Cousin Susan in the Western part of this state and accompany her here on her joint visit after Cousin Thos. death — a sad breach occurred in our neighbor Dr Paul Spooner's family in the death of his son Walter by bleeding at the nose — which they were unable to staunch except at intervals — it commenced on 6th or 7th day of last week and he died on 1st day — His health had been for some years impaired and was subject to Epileptic fits he has left a youngwidow (dr of Ed. Gardner) with an infant child —

6th day 8th Occupied most of the day at the Cg. House, made another attempt to make Calls for Subscriptions on the Ship Owners at the N. of the River and Fairhaven but a threatening of rain made me relinquish the undertaking — There was an alarm of Fire last night which proved to arise from the conflagration of my brother (Benj.) Carriage & Wood house, I did not hear the alarm, nor of the occurrence till this morning, the building was not very valuable — and the fire did not extend beyond it — supposed to have arisen from ashes not full from an iron vessel, being carelessly filled too full — Eve'g. as a Vst. of the Ex. Com. of the F. Rebecca here with the exp.

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attended at 3 O Clk P.M. the funeral Solemnities at our neighbor Dr. Spooners, consequent on the death of his Son Walter.

7th day 9th Spent the forenoon principally in attention to my business at the Cy. House &c — The Condor Sailed to day Mr. Jocelyn going a passenger to Fayal and our sons Edm.d & Thomas for the Sail out of the bay to return with the Pilot — Several of their young acquaintances being with them they have not returned at 4 P.M. Clk but I do not feel anxious about their safety, their mother is somewhat so — I called at O.H. M.s, whose Son is with them & obtained satisfactory inform.n to explain their protracted absence — I Spent most of the afternoon preparg. notices to be given to the differing Congregations to morrow of the annual address before the Port Lucy to morrow eve.g — W.g. at home except a call at the Post Office & mothers — Anna Arnold and Lydia Greene called and Spent the eve.g. — Thos. called in its latter Stage

1st Day 10th Occupied in the morning in preparg. Temp.ce Papers for distribution through the Sabbath S Schools — attended meeting at Friends place of worship — in the forenoon had divers interesting Communications from Anna Jenkins of Providence and her companion Mary Allen — In the eveg

I called on the Rev Mr. Blagden of Boston to attend him to the anniversary meeting of the Port Society he having engaged to deliver the address the meeting was at the N. Cong.l Church and the address was very interesting house full — I have a bad cold which will have kept me at home on a less interesting occasion. — Edm.d & Mary were at the Mtg — (Wm R Robeson called during our absence and judge Prescott after the address —

2.d day 11.th Attended at the Bank Directors meeting, and spent the day principally at the Ct House, (as at home)

3.d day 12 Attended to business at the Ct. House in the forenoon, after a considerable portion of it spent in writ.g a temp.ce article for the Mercury — In the afternoon at 2 Oclk. attended the funeral solemnities on the death of Jos.h Ricketson. at which the vocal services were by Jos.h Davis and Susan Howland my position too remote to understand much of what they said —

at 4 Oclk attended a mtg. of the Port Soc.y for the Choice of Officers for the year — in the aft.n as by Attended the first meeting of the Lyceum, introductory lecture by the Rev. Geo. W. Blagden of Boston on the pleasures & uses of Literary associations — it was a very interesting

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lecture & was del. at the Mechanics Hall — our friend Jn°. A. Stoddard of Plymouth called in the ev.g. & did also Edw.d Anthony — Edw.d Mary & Thos went with me to the lecture

4th. day 13th. morn.g at home. day at the Cg. House principally, ev.g at home

5th. day 14th. At the Cg. House before breakfast, and at A. Roberson's — engaged at the Cg. through the day, ev.g at home except an hour at the Post Office and the lobby of the 4th St. Meth.t Mg. House, the house being quite full to hear Jn°. A. Maffitt — I was not much pleased with what I heard & saw — less so than from his Celebrity I expected to be —

6th. day 15th. morn.g at home, day principally devoted to business at the Cg. House & ev.g partly there ev.g at home till quite late with J. on the Eastern Steamer —

7th. day 16th. Occupied at the Cg. House thro' the day except making a call in the afternoon with my sister Eliza on Mrs. Frances Holmes late Kingman. Called at A. Roberson's on my way home and then at the Temp.ce Soc.y's Hall where I found him — afternoon at home

1st. day 17 Attended Meetings and between mgs. called at Mothers & sister Anna's with Mrs Chen H. otherwise at home. S. Paxson & consort Anna Rotch from Butternuts & numerous others called to see & take leave of Mrs Chen H.

previous to her start for Hav.ª to-morrow
2.ª day 18th W.J. at home except a visit to the
Market forenoon at the C.J. House after din-
ner started with ma chere H. the 3 elder chil-
dren with their travelling luggage for the
R. Road Depot where they were disposed of
for their Steam Carcer to Phil.ª — Charles W. Mor-
gan & his son, Cousin Anna Rotch Son & daugh-
ter S. G. & Car.ª Morgan and Eliz.ª Paxson were
of the compy. for the same destination, the
weather looks auspicious, and if they guard
adequately against the cold I think they
will get on well to their destination. After
seeing them off I repaired to the C.J. Room &
finished the day — Came home to the evg meal
with my small family still further re-
duced for the time by the absence of our little
girls on a visit at their Aunts Morgans — I
Spent the evg. in writ.g &c. —
3.ª day 19th Spent most of Morn.g & forenoon in
ordering and directing about getting some old
Ship plank from Jennings wharf all for floor-
ing a part of the Car.ª House cellar &
the Cellars of the adjacent Cottages, afternoon
mostly at home until the Penn.ª Freeman
afterwards on giving attention to the Carpenters
— till time to close my C.J. House — called on
Mothers on my way home — At the Lyceum
Lecture — which was on Fiction and very
interesting & instructive by the Rev. Andrew Peabody
of Portsmouth. at its close called at Sister Annas

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to see Martha & Allanson who returned last 2d. from their Bridal tour — Father Pitt has been much more feeble for the last few days, and it seems as though the taper of vitality would ere long be flickering in the socket. The weather has been, & today favorable for our travellers who I trust arr. this afternoon at Phila & perhaps are now at Haverford

4th. Day 20th. Engaged at the Cg. House and in mg. at home. most of the day wg. looked a little into Dickens late writings. Our little only round the Library fire — the other division we trust are now at Haverford — Father quite feeble & in the nursery to permit his own room to be refitted for the winter —

5th. Day 21st — Mg. at home except a call at the Market — forenoon in the work Shop fitting my tools and in my daily toilet, afternoon at the Cg. House; eg. at Sister Anna's where was a large bridal party for Martha — comprising their acquaintance generally who were in Town and a few from a distance — one of whom was the rev. W. Lambert who is to have the charge of Green Church this winter — One event of deep interest was learned the day — the birth of a daughter by Sister Benj. Wistar last eg. all appears to be going on well

— at an early stage of the evg — I was at a meeting of the Temp. Com^e — who have had the Office of aiding the formation and finances of the Washington total abstinence Society — and also at Mothers — Hannah Hall has been in the Jan^y. to day fitt^g. Fathers room of which he has again taken possession — He is rather better to day —

6^th day 22. At home Still rather late in the forenoon, then at Judge Spooner's Office from which he has been detained for several days by ill health, and he is yet too unwell to take up the Mun Cases, afterwards made sundry calls on business and at the Cg. room, afternoon at the Cg. House & at home, evg. at a meet^g. of the Executive board of the Port Soc^y — which was thinly attended, as the Ann^l. for organization — found on my return home to a late supper that S.S. Jocelyn of New Haven had been here — called at Mothers and heard favorable reports from Bro^r. Bi nursery — afterward wrote a letter on business

7^th day 23. — Out early to forward a letter to S^t. John N.B. by the Steamer from Boston this day — had a call after breakfast from S.S. Jocelyn and afterwards accompanied him to several of the banks to introduce him to show his Specimens of Bank note engraving he being a partner of the firm of Draper &

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Joseph an Engraver of New York. afterwards attended to my own concerns. at the Gr. House &c — afternoon. at home & there part of business. where I was detained some what into the ev.g. Called at mothers on my way home and finding her alone and somewhat anxious on Sister Eis acct. who went with Martha Russell & little Eliz Morgan to Fall River, and had not returned — Staid with her till Eis arrival about 8 Oclk. — then came home to the ev.g meal, Father Davis continues very feeble, and his mind often wandering we heard yesterday of the safe arrival at Phil.a of Ma Chas H & Children ~~at Phil.a~~ 1.st day 24.th Attended meetings at Fairing Place of worship. A. Robeson and Fred.k & Cath.e Lea called between Mtgs — read the interesting report of Dr. Bell of the M.cLean Lunatic Asylum for 1840 — with some Chapters in the bible &c — I had a desire to attend the Anniversary of the Bible Soc.y but a visit at Bro. Benj.n Whelen's when I had not been since the birth of his infant and a visit of condolence with Sister Sarah at Sarah Pickerton's prevented my seeing them, the house was crowded (1.st Christian Cr.e Purchase & Mid. Sts.) Addresses by M. Maffitt & . Father has been quite feeble & wandering in his mind

to day — D. Reed called to see him but he did not think there was any particular reason for apprehending a sudden close so as to make it necessary to hasten me there His return —

2d day 25th. Occupied before breakfast in clearg. the drums which warm the Dinr. Room from the Kitchen fire. after breakfast called at mothers & at the Cg House &c — afternoon at the Cr. House ~~&c~~ called at A. Robesons on my return in the wg — on business. afterward at home —

3. day 26th. At home in the mg & principal part of the forenoon. then gave some time to a new fixture for the Cows in the east barn yard to save the necessity of keepg them in the Stable except in the coldest weather — afterward at the Cg. House. most of the afternoon at home — father's increased debility giving us apprehensions of his speedy departure from this world and the infirmities of the flesh to the realms of the just. — which apprehensions he shares with great calmness and serenity — The absence of Ma chere ~~&~~ and the necessity of my leaving home at this time is quite a trial but me expected. on 5th day to which if not later I hope my departure may be delayed — Sister Eliza was here after noon & tea. after which as father seemed more comfortable I went

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with her to the Lyceum Lecture, which was a very delightful and instructive one by the Rev. Mr. Abbot now of Nantucket on the present prospects of the human race after going home with her, returned & found father comfortable —

4th day 27 Spent the forenoon in taking such measures in relation to my business as would admit of my leaving home with the least inconvenience if it should seem necessary to go directly for Ma chen H & Mary — This I completed so as to get home at 1/2 O'Clock when I found father very feeble and that D. Read's opinion was that no time should be lost in getting them home. I therefore hastily prepared for the journey and started in the Cars at 2/4 — reached Phila. Stonington at the usual time and landed at New York just early enough to get aboard the Steam boat for S. Amboy where the passengers were transferred to the Cars for Camden and I was at Phil. about 10 Oclk. called at T. W. Morgan's Store and learned that my wife & Mary were at Wakefield thereupon as time permitted I took a Seat in the Car for Germantown and was at Wakefield a little after 2 — found Ma chen H & Mary & the other friends well except a cold which

Hannah had contracted — I went with them and took Dinner with them at T. R. Fishers, after which Wm. Wistar was kind enough to take us over in Tho.s Carriage to Han.a to say farewell to the boys — we Spent a couple of hours with them at the Farm house and took leave getting back to Wakefield about 9½ O'Clk and prepared the trunks for an early departure in the morning —

6th day 29 — Our kind relatives gave us an early breakfast and Sent us into town Started in the Steam boat for Bordentown at 7 O'Clk. and from that place in the Cars about 9½ — & got to the City a little after 2 O'Clk. as ma chere H wished to get a Carpet for our back Parlor we drove to a Store in Broad Way after accomplishing the object we drove to the Steam boat Mass.ts and there found bro.r Henry who gave us later intelligence from Father but not of a much more encouraging character — left the Wharf at 4 and after a pleasant Passage took the Cars at Stonington at 2 Oclk of the 30th (7th Day) and there at Providence at 4 — but as the train to connect with N. Bedford did not leave till 8 O'Clk we went to the large and recently opened Steamboat Inn. (the Tockwatton House) and found a

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pleasant Parlor with light and fire for our reception where the ladies remained as did I till the Mr. twilight allured me abroad to walk to the City and enjoy the fine prospect in its Characters of Nature and Art on the high ground east of the Cove — the weather was delightful the full orbed moon in the Western Sky and the beautiful ever changing Clouds which floated over the disc on a ground of ethereal blue gave a holy interest to the Scene, and made me wish that Mary was with me to enjoy it — Returned through the lower part of the City which was now waking into life and activity and after calling at a Shop for some bon bons for the Children at home got back to the hotel in time for breakfast (a little after seven O'clk) This over at a seasonable hour we went to the Cars which were soon off and after another annoying detention of abt. 3/4 of an hour set off and at the Depot in St. J. about 11 Oclk — and had the great satisfaction to find father much as when I left him — It was a great comfort to the whole party

to find them very much as our apprehension
of a fatal issue, were much excited —
the others of our family all except
Sister Susan who continues very feeble
with Paralysis of the right side which
causes great anxiety — After quieting
all — I devoted myself to business
which required prompt attention for ant.
of C. C. S. a messenger & letter on
the subject being in waiting for my ans —
— Succeeded beyond my expectation
— and sent the messenger back in the
cars with the intelligence of my success —
Occupied afterward with my
C. House business and a call on mother
who is pretty well but a good deal
cast down on acct. of the sickness in
the family Circle — Ev at home — considerably fatigued with loss of sleep &c
Thus has my hasty jaunt to Phila been safely
and satisfactorily accomplished — ma chere
H, has the comfort of meeting her beloved father
and ministering so far as circumstances permit to his comfort. to smooth the pillow of age
and sickness and shed the beams of filial
piety through his parental bosom, where
the tender sympathies of a kind and benevolent nature have not yet become stilled
through the effects of age and its consequent
infirmities although his fine mind has become
dimmed by their power. I saw none of our

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friends except the Wakefield families and T.W. Morgan & Co — by the former was shown all the kindness that could be desired or that the most sincere friendship could suggest — One other of my earliest Penn.a acquaintances viz Ann (Nancy) Mifflin whom I met in the Car for Germantown, I first saw her at Westtown Boarding School in the year 1809 whither I went from New Garden Pa. with my then Master Enoch Lewis' wife on a short visit — She was there and was very kind and particular in her attentions to me. She continues to have much of the beauty and the benignant countenance and manners of polite and artless refinement which then marked her appearance and character — Our hurried visit to Hampton did not permit us to see any of the Instructors or their families except the assistant Superintendant Benj.a Marsh. of whom I asked leave of absence for our Sons & their Cousin to be with us at the farm house during our stay there — Wakefield retains its striking beauties which I have rarely seen equalled, its variety of surface and grand trees and forests, the memorials of former ages and contemporaries of long past generations, now in the gorgeous decaying livery of Autumn. recalled vividly the by gone days of my youth when I used to wander a school boy over its hills

and through its Valleys in the days of my
eldest Sister when she presiding over the man-
sion now so worthily filled by her excellent
Successor in the affections of my brother and my
Sisters Children. Bro: Wm & the unmarried sons
together with Sister Sarah's half brothers who
have for many years been attached to the fam-
ily — were all absent at the Duncannon
Iron Works in Perry County which monop-
olizes to a great degree their time and
attention — For the favorable accomplish-
ment of the object of my journey may our grate-
ful thanks be rendered to that kind Provi-
dence which guides us though unseen and
too often unacknowledged in our ways in life
1st day 31 — Attended meetings and spent
the rem^r of the day at home not much
change in Father — except that the
animation which on arrival yester-
day excited, has passed off and his
debility appears rather greater — And-
rew Roberson and his son Fred^k called
— 2^d day 11 mo: 1 — I was up the lat-
ter part of the night with my father in
law — he continues without much change
— a little lost in his consciousness, thinks
he is not at home, and anxious to go then
takes nothing but a little arrow root
with a little Brandy in it and toast wa-
ter — I passed the day at the C.H. House
the afternoon in making a measure

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ments and plans of our South Parlor and front Stairs for Carpets to be had from Newyork — E.J. at home
3. day 2. Spent the most of the day in Cg. House duties — Called as usual at Mothers, and visited the Police Court in reference to the Rum traffic — Father continues with little change — takes but little notice and a small quy. of liquid food constitutes his nourishment — when inquired how he is says pretty comfortable, easy in his mind and but little Physical pain — In the E.J. I attended the Lyceum lecture by the Rev. W. Fox of Newburyport — Subject the Education of the public eye — or the Cultivation of our Sensibility to the beautiful — It was a beautiful and instructive performance — house pretty well filled though a Political meeting with R.C. Winthrop of Boston as Speaker offered great attractions & drew off many who would otherwise have been there — at the close I went into the other meeting and the conclusion of the eloquent Speakers address — returned about 9 & spent the rem.r of the E.J. at home

4th Day 3. At home in the morning and at business, C.H.H. & through the day W.J. at home, called at mothers who continues pretty well but somewhat depressed at the illness of Sister Susan — She is believed however to be slowly recovering — Sy father P.M. remains without much change — Mind wandering thinks he is absent from home, and desirous to return, sometimes in Vermont and other parts of the U.S. at others in Europe, as Italy &c — On being questioned as to his health generally returns favorable answers as pretty Comfortable, better &c, thinks himself well enough to go home and wants to be dressed and to set out

5th Day 4th Engaged at the C.H. &c after attending at the Bank directors Meeting, and giving some time to the Temp.ce Cause at the Police Court — calling at Mothers &c — took tea at Mothers (She being alone, Eliza at Fall River din.g with Andrews family at Sister Lydia's) — on my way to the M.g. of the Temp.ce Com.ee which was thinly attended — at its close stopped at Liberty Hall and heard an excellent Political Speech from Park of Boston, direct, clear and candid which can hardly fail to be useful to all who are not inaccessible to the truth by

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party prejudices — Mr Chew
ill — quite unwell with Erysipelas
so as to be most of the day in the
nursery, and not at all below stairs
— Father much as I late perhaps
a little more debilitated
6th Day 5th Devoted the day principally to
C.J. House duties — made a short call at
the Academy and at mothers. part of the
ev. went I till late at home — Father
continues very gradually to decline in
strength, his pulse feeble and voice feint
— much lost in mind though he recog-
nizes the family and is placid and
kind in his remarks, to enquiries respect-
ing his feelings usually gives encouraging
answers — thinks himself a little better to
though his restlessness indicates an uneas-
iness of which he is not fully conscious —
7th Day Occupied at the C.J. House the
through the day and the first part of the
ev. called at mothers on my way home
and find J. her quite alone remained with
her till near 9 Ellie Elder being absent
probably unexpectedly at tea — There were
two Political Meetings this ev. at one
of which but for Father's situation I
should have liked to be to hear
Goodrich alias Peter Parley — On get-
ting home found that Frank's curiosity
was so strong that he could not re-

sist the inclination to hear his old friend "Peter" well known to him through his School books which have had such favor with teachers and children — he was agreeably entertained by his oral lectures as he had often been by his writings. Till a pretty late hour, too late for so young a boy to be out without a guardian and somewhat to the anxiety of his mother and Aunt at his long absence. found father without material change though evidently gradually declining — Henry & bro: Edw: chose to attend upon him again through the ensuing night. H. taking his turn the first & Ed. on the last half of the night

1st Day 7th I attended meeting at Friends place of worship in the forenoon as did the three younger Children at the Episcopal Church — Mary remaining at home with her mother and Aunt, as I did in the afternoon — made two errands down town to procure some articles from the druggists to alleviate the hiccough which appeared to be distressing to the venerable invalid — on one of which occasions I stopped in to enquire after & see my mother and apprise her how things were at home — found Eliz.th R. Fisher there She having arrived this day about noon with O. H

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Morgan from Phil.a via Providence
where he came in his Carriage as
the Cars on the Taunton and R.I.
Rail Roads do not run on this day
of the week. Father is evidently near
the end of his mortal Career — has
been considerably troubled with Spasms
of the Stomach which nothing but
Landenum seems able to allay he
takes but little notice, and says
but little, though he knows those
around him — I shall sit up to
night — Bro.r Andw & Wm called to
see him also Geo Hussey — the first
about 12 O'Clk when he knew him
and remarked that he did not think of
seeing him here — the others who
were here about 5 O'Clk he did not
appear to recognise — D.r Read
called in several times — and de-
coction of the Bark of the root of the Sas-
safras, Sulphuric Ether & a mus-
tard Cataplasm were administered
to check the Spasms of the Stom-
ach — passed the ev.g in his room
after the Children had retired, — a Solemn
feeling pervaded arising from the be-
lief that it would be the last that
would be passed while the vital Spark
animated even in this partial mem-

over his mortal frame — Mr Chem H and Sister retired, worn with anxiety about 10 & I took my Station for the night — Henry & Edm? soon after retired to take repose from their anxiety & previous watchings, while their services were not needed to minister to the wants or the Comfort of the Venerable Patient — Sister Ellen was here a few minutes while on her way to sit up with Sister Susan, who seems to be very gradually improving —

2. day 8th Contrary to my anticipations Father was apparently comfortable and slept quietly the greater part of the night — the hiccough not returning till 3/4 4 — when it was allayed by two doses of Laudanum of 10 & 8 drops administered at that hour and at 4 — and I resigned my place to Henry. — On waking about 6 Oclk — I found the Spasms & the Stomach had returned and that several doses of Laudanum had been administered without effect, and he refused to take more — however about 8. the Spasms ceased, and did not return I was obliged to go out to attend to some business as I and on returning at a quarter past 10 found a very marked change — his breathing short but not apparently

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distressing — pulsations no longer perceptible and the extremities beginning to grow cold — The sinking process continued in a form so gentle that it was almost like falling into a peaceful slumber till about ¼ before 11 he ceased to breathe without one contraction of a muscle to indicate that it was the sleep of death — Thus has passed away in a good old age our venerated parent being 86 y. 2 mos & 4 ds — fully prepared as we humbly trust to be admitted to participate in the unfading joys which eternally adorn and brighten the Abodes of the just — Our brothers and Sisters with the exception of Benj. & his wife have all called to see us and tender their sympathy and services — the latter are not required as the necessary offices thus far have been very satisfactorily performed — Sister E. staid to tea and passed the night with us — Ma Chas H. troubled by a severe head ache, the consequence probably of anxiety and fasting — Our Children were much affected at seeing the lifeless remains of their grandfather, which are pleasing and venerable in death — and by no means likely under the views held out to them to have any permanent Association

of Eleven or I can with this dispensation of Divine Providence

3d day 9th Spent the day mostly at home rode with bro. Edmund to the Fam.y burying ground to fix on a spot for the Grave, and I took some preliminary measures relative to the interment which is to be on 5th day afternoon — Wm. A. Wall called about 3 O'clock to take a Plaster Cast of his features to enable him to make a portrait of that dec.d Parent — It is now cause of regret that this was not done a year or two ago when in comparative good health he would have been an uncommonly fine subject for a picture of peaceful and venerable age — United to strength of mind and memory he had an uncommon benevolence of disposition which made him generally beloved as well as respected — during his residence in Newyork City which was from early apprenticeship till about 50 years of age he was highly appreciated for his sound judgment his generous Spirit and affable manners — So that he was for many years among her most conspicuous and influential Citizens personally acquainted with all the most distinguished men of the times — and though he retired from that busy Scene to a country life he carried with him the respect and love of his numerous acquaintances which he retained till in his lengthened pilgrimage they were mostly dropped by the way, arrested

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or translated to an immortal State by that Divine Providence which has now crowned him to an enduring State and unalloyed felicity — most of our family circle have called to day — Wm P Robeson and Fred.k came in at tea time and joined us at that meal — our nephews Cousin Sarah and Anna Arnold and Eliza Mitchell also called, sister E. was with us at tea & through the eve.g C. M. Morgan was for the latter part of the eve.g

4.th day I gave some attention to necessary business. and again gave my vote at the Polls. rem.d of the day at home — had Calls from many of our friends — among them Uncle & Aunt Rotch, Eliz.th & James Arnold & Anna Robeson &c

5.th day 11.th Spent the day at home with the exception of the ride to the Grave Yard in the procession following the remains of my wifes father — the friends convened on the occasion at 3 O'Clock — Josiah Davis appeared in "testimony" and in Supplication & we left the house about 4 O'Clk — my mother remained in the house & Eliz.th Fisher staid with her — but few followed except our family connections — as my father Prin was

not known to many in this place be-
yond that Circle he having been con-
fined to the house most of the time since
his taking his abode with us — Mother
& Sister Eliza & Charles & Sarah & Eliz. Fish-
er were with us at tea. A Roberson
and Sister Anna till near tea time
after our return — the Grave was pre-
pared on the north end west to that of
our dear little Charles in the Family
burial ground
6th Day 12th Engaged most of the day
at the Cy. House & Police Ct with re-
ference to the Temp.ce Cause. W.J.
at home — wrote somewhat late
for the Steamer St. Aug.e — in which
the master Dan.l S. Dockham engaged
for C. C. Stewarts Ship expects to take
passage
7th Day 13th Engaged in business
at the Cy. House — Called at mothers
on my return and was detained some
time to accompany Eliz.a Fisher & Sister
Eliza to C. M.s Morgans — as it was
too dark for them to go unattended
Mem.: of the Cy. at home
1st Day 14th Attended Meeting with
bro.r Edmund Abbott. Mather & Jo.s
to dine with the others passing the day at home
Had many Calls after meeting from
A. Roberson's family including Martha

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her husband Allanson Tucker — Benj. Robt Ellen Gus & Gertrude Hussey &c
2d day 15th — Spent the day in attending to my several duties. at the R.R. Depot before breakfast and with Dr. Edmund after dinner he leaves us to return to New York — at the C.H. House &c, &c. as home for the first time without Visitors since the death of our venerable parent which occurred this day week — The event makes quite a change in our domestic establishment, much pleasant occupation with reference to him as well as the satisfaction and instruction of his society being at an end. but we shall cherish his memory and he will long remain in vivid association with the Room which he has so long occupied — may we strive to arrive at that point of placid & christian cheerfulness for which he has been so long remarkable, unbroken by the querulous temper which so often attends an old age of infirmity — Think of his disembodied Spirit still hovering over the scenes formerly marked by his presence and looking forward to a reunion when our days on earth shall

also be numbered in a higher and happier State of existence —

3. day 16 — Made a visit to the market before breakfast afterward at mothers. the Cg. House &c — Spent the forenoon part of the afternoon in preparing to accommodate the forwarding of some articles to our Sons at School, including some eatables (which might well have been omitted) and some whales teeth w^ch the Ladies wished to have — afterward repaired to the Cg. House & remained till near the fifteen hour when I was before the Hour of business — and heard a very interesting lecture on the Physiology of the Stomach in man and Sundry of the inferior animals — in which many remarkable facts connected with the anatomy and incubation of the egg by which numerous Species of animals and fishes are propagated — as well as a slight insight into the process by which the food taken into the Stomach of animals is by the process of digestion prepared to be taken up by the appropriate vessels in the passage of the food in its assimilated State from the Stomach through the alimentary canal — and the procission in the Stomach of the Camel for carry-

ing in his journeys over the deserts where he is found a supply of water for many days — who can deny that were very instructive and striking. ly illustrative of the wisdom & benevolence of the great Architect and ever acting Creator of the Universe and all the infinite variety of organized bodies — with which it abounds — The lecture was by Dr Smith of Boston 4th Day 17th — Rode before breakfast into Fairhaven to make arrangements different from what had been proposed for Nathan Crosby, agent of the Mass. Temp. Union lectures to the Cold Water Army in that town and this before returning to breakfast Made several calls on my Com Townsmen to carry out the new arrangements — after a late breakfast called on J. B Congdon who is confined to his house unwell on the same subject — called also at Henry Russell's to leave a temp. Paper and say a word to his wife in congratulation on her husbands reformation — afterward at my own business at the C. House &c. — called before returning to dinner to find Mr Crosby who was in the Cars and gave him notice of the change from his plan for the lecture — most of the afternoon at home ready the news and then called to en-

quir after Col. Morgan who is quite unwell
— thence to the Wash.ⁿ Temp. Soc.ʸ room to
Get Reuben Rogers to sign the pledge. — thence
to Wm Cg. Hse & business — home to a late supper
— assisted Tho.ˢ Lee about their acct.ˢ &c. and
thence to the Offices of the Reg.ʳ & Mercury to
give notice of the address of Mr Crosby
& to one or two other places with reference
to the place of meeting — which closed the
labors of the day

5th. day 18th. Went to the Store before breakfast
— after B.ᵏ to the Bank direc.ⁿ mg. thence to
the business of Cg House &c — afternoon
called to see Mary Faber and settle a
note for money which she had in trust for
her Sisters Child or children, — She having
intended it for Cath.ⁿ the niece but as she is en-
gaged to be mar.ᵈ to Arnold Congdon which
She dis-approves she divides it equally be-
tween her & her two brothers — went from
thence to the Juvenile Temp.ᶜ Meeting in
the adjacent Meet.ᵍ House and Read
Mr Crosby's address in part to the Cold
Water Army, and assisted at the distribu-
tion of Membership tickets, taking the names of
the new members amounting to a little under
100 — &c — The little active beings could not
be kept in very good subordination and there
was a good deal of innocent confusion in the
latter part of the proceedings, but it went off

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on the whole as well as could reasonably be expected — I then took leave of Mrs Crosby and was occupied an hour or more at the Cg House by lamp light — found my niece & sister Eliza at tea with the family on my return home — A. Robeson & ady passed part of the eg with us — 6th day 19 At home before breakfast — afterward at the Cg House and sundry other places, including a call at Mother's making preparation of my Meteorological journal to go forward with sundry other letters &c by my bro: Wm to Phila & New York &c who left this day but I but partially accomplished the work which I had marked out though detained till the Stage hour of the Cars & then too late to reach the Depot in season — gave some directions relative to fitting on establishment for winter by putting up the double windows &c — those in the Green House are now up — the others required a coat of paint and therefore were deferred till tomorrow or the first of next week — the workmen are also arranging to increase the warmth of the Drinking Room from the Cooking furnace by passing a tube from the Soap Stone box or air chamber across the entry closet into the Sideboard recess & across this to the front of the Sideboard

to prevent the heated air from injuring the Piece of furniture — afternoon at the Cg. Hse till near 4 — to be at the Post Office after the mail was open and then home for the ev. where I was Divi J. occupied in preparing notes to the different Clergymen relative to the Temp.ce Effort of Circulating Div J. tracts. 7th Day 20th at home before breakfast; after giving some attention to fitting the apparatus for warming the Divi J. room from the furnace repaired to the Cg House & stopping on the way to dispatch notes to the several Clergymen who were requested to obtain Subscribers to the Temp. Journal in aid of the gen.l Circulation of tracts grant J. through the Town — detained till 6 rather late at dinner by business connected with the R. Road line — after dinner went with Fra. to select some small presents for the Children &c to give to Henry who expects to leave us on 2d Day next, his occupation being in great measure gone by the death of father Prior — to prosecute some theological studies with a view to becoming a minister of the Baptist or Christian Soc.y — Then to the Cg. Hse till the open.g of the ev.g Mail — called at Mothers — who is very ill

1st Day 21 Attended Meeting AM & PM with Mother A & the little girls Sebe. at Friends House of Worship — called between Mtgs to see Chs.

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Mr Morgan who has been confined to his house, unwell for a few days, found his better called also at mothers & consulted Andw & Thos R. Robeson & Dr. Read relative to one of our horses which struck a nail into his foot nearly a week since — had calls from Rev. Mr Cotch — and Sister Rebecca & Emma Rodman Rebecca Morgan, went in the evg. to the Episcopal Ch. and heard a good Sermon from the Rev. Mr Lambert — the first time I had heard from him, which impressed me favorably in my favor and to his talents & manner

Found 73 S. P on our return

2d day 22d. Went to the Cg. Hall, and Mkt. before breakfast — afterwards to the Bank, Meeting in the Election hall for Representatives and the Cg. Room, afternoon stopped again at the Polls and made a call on a friend to invite him to give his vote, but without success — Meeting of the afternoon at the Cg. House and Evg. at home, — N. Crosby the Temp. agent and Andw Robeson called, the latter to ascertain whether I had heard from C. C. Stewart in relation to the dreadful conflagration which the Papers inform visited St. John N.B. on the 17th Inst — The Jas. Stewart being nearly ready for sea, our Jean may have been one of the 40 vessels which were destroyed at the date of the intelligence when the fire was raging —

3. day 23. Occupied principally at the C.H. Home
the through the day. At the Lyceum in the
ev. with Mary L Frank, Lecture by the
Rev. Mr. Pierpont of Boston on the Education
of the Practical Man — interesting instructive
& pleasant I engaged to call and see him at
Jos Ricketsons where he lodges but was prevent-
ed by finding Dr. Read's wife here, and the
Dr. also before I had finished my late P. meal
which I attended till after the Lecture
4th. day 23. Attended the Bank Directors meet-
ing anticipated one day on acct. of the Thanks-
giving holyday occurring to morrow when
the Banks will be closed — devoted the
day principally to C.H. Home duties. P.M.
were continued into the ev. — after my solitary
meal accompanied Sister Lydia who took
tea with the family home. and made my
mother a visit whom I had not seen for
two days — Eliz.h Fisher returned from Fall
River where she had been with Sister Sarah
to take leave of Lydia & family — reported
that Micah had been very ill for two nights
but was now relieved — his son Ch.s H.y was
also quite unwell and confined to his room
— Sister L and Mary rode — I had to day
intelligence from St. John of the escape of
my friend C.C.S. from the ravages of the dread-
ful fire which — his premises not being in
its range and his Ship hauled into the Stream
for security. He has again been Providentially spared

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the threatening element — for which he seems duly grateful

5th day 25th — At home before breakfast after breakfast, called at mothers and attended Divine Service at Grace Church and heard a very good Sermon from the Rev. Mr Lambert adapted to the day (Thanksgiving) afternoon rainy — Spent mostly at home, as was the case having done no business at the Cf. House to day — walked thus far about dusk

6th day 26th — engaged at the Cf. House the most of the day and in the evg went after a late supper to hear a temp.ce lecture by Dan.l Kimball a reformed inebriate of good education & talents it was a touching and able performance often eloquent and abounding with elastic allusions but rather too diffuse and ambitious in Style — but deeply interesting as his own experience afforded him the elements from which to delineate the drunkards portrait and his Social relations — He will be a useful lecturer in correcting the public sentiment in relation to the use of alcoholic liquors and the immoral & destructive business of the dram seller

7th day 27 attended to my Cf. House duties in the forenoon — afternoon and evg mostly at home — having Mother & Sister Elizabeth Fisher to dine &c (with us — The latter leaves us to return home on 2.d day next) — Mother seems remarkably well and is a very interesting picture of

old age — but from the nature of things we cannot have her many more years with us The little girls Sue & Ellen seem very happy in her company taking her hands as she walked from the ~~the~~ parlor to the eating room and the little one Ellen secured a seat by her at the tea table — The weather is quite wintry this ev.g. Mercury at 22 but clear and bright by the brilliant full moon — I hope the exposure will not prove too much for her

1st day 28th Attended Friends Meeting in the forenoon with Ma Chev H. — the others viz the Children & sister Phebe at Grace Church Mary & Frank there also in the ev.g Bishop Griswold was there and administered the rite of Confirmation and preached twice — after m.g I walked with Ma Chev H to bro: Benjamins to see & enquire after Sister Susan — met Eliz Fisher there who walked up with us and made a short parting Call — Ch.s & Benj.n called on us in the afternoon and in the ev.g Alfred Rodman who will accomp.y his cousin Eliz.h to Boston tomorrow to join Benj.n & S.d Jun. Jon Rotch who are leave there for Phil.a — also called & Walter Mitchell — I was partly occupied in writing a letter for little Ellen to her bro.r Edmund. to go by E.H.

2.d day 29 At mothers and the Cg. Hse & Rail Road Depot before breakfast — to see E. Fisher and dispose of some letters prepared to go by her — The weath

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unfavorable for journeying, a Snow storm with some inches of Snow on the Ground. but as her movements depended upon others she was not willing to omit joining them as Boston The Snow storm having Continued through the day I doubt their having left the City — after returning from the Depot in the Gig which took Alfred & Eliz.th thither I met the family in the usual devotional reading — after breakfast went to the Bank Directors meeting — thence to the Ct. House where I was occupied through the day and till near 9 Oclk in the ev with the exception of dining &c — completing my account with the parties concerned in the Continuation of the new part of Water St — and enclosing the same with the vouchers, original agreement & Engineers report in a letter addressed to them — in which I presumed that I only had cause to be dissatisfied in the result of the work, the object of their expenditure, in many merely, being fully gained & and at less cost than was anticipated while I have been denied by one of their number from all important participation in the improvement, viz by Geo Howlands refusal to let me Cross his lot to get to my Wharf, though I had every confidence that I should have a convenient crossing way prepared by him for me either in Straight Continuance of the Street by the East end of my Store, or by the West end of the same in a line diverging to the West. respecting which I talked in

on preliminary Conferences repeatedly in his presence. — and his subsequent conversations with me about to before the Commencement of the work on the original action of the Town Spring of 1839 & Summ. of 1840. and with others relative the removal of his Wharf building and filling the Dock North of it proved that he fully understood my expectations and, then meant to satisfy them in the most desirable but to him much the most expensive viz the Straight route. — — See a particular reference to the subject in its various Stages in a Series of 5 letters addressed to him about two months since — — after a late Supper had some conversation with Mr Chandler who was anxious as my unexpected detention on the Stormy eve — which was by no means desirable to myself but the wish to finish so far as depended on me the Subject of my long continued efforts and labors in relation to that road. I thought a reasonable cause for the slight extension of my work into the ev. which I had proposed but which was unwittingly protracted to the time above Stated — False interruptions of domestic enjoyment in the winter eve thought in part years from the force of circumstances unavoidable — are not likely hereafter frequently to occur — to him or my own annoyance, called as mothers a moment to enquire if they had any information from Ft. by the late Cars. but found they had not

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2d day 30th At home in the day devoted the day to C.J. House duties, after making some calls in the forenoon in the Street for some family objects and calling on Miss Hardy with reference to lessons in French for Mary — called also at brothers — In the ev.g. at the Lyceum — and heard an eloquent Lecture from Mr. Giles, an Irish Clergyman — took him home to pass the night with us, he returns to Boston by the Rail Road to-morrow morning

4th day 12 mo. 1 — Rose early to entertain Mr. Giles and to expedite him on his way after breakfast took him to the R.R. Depot — and returned to attend to the Fam.y. My. duties — Occupied at the C.J. House &c through the day and in the ev.g. read a part of Review of the Poet Royal abbots by Macauley — which exhibits the highest degree of Piety and devotion combined with the first minds and most cultivated intellects of the age

5th day 2d Read before breakfast part of the account of Caspar Hauser, and made a call at bro.r Williams — by which I missed of the accustomed devotional reading — after breakfast

went to the Bank directors meeting when I found my friend George — he had returned yesterday from his Southern tour with his wife — and gave him the right hand of fellowship — in the hope further reflection may have prepared him to do me justice in relation to the new Street — Thence to the C.H. House — and to the first Part of the Quarterly Mtg of Friends — remained at home ready after dinner to accompany Mary at 3 O'clk to see Miss Hardy in relation to her French lessons — & then to the C.H. House by way of a Gun Shop with B.T. Sanford in Water St. called at Mothers and took supper on my way to the Mtg. of the Temp. Com. which did not detain me long — then home & finished cheerfully this review which shows in him a high degree of Gospel love, or Charity, united to high intellectual endowments, which fitted him well for doing justice to the Institution and the Sublime Characters which adorn its annals — in a profligate & superstitious age —

6th Day 3d — Occupied principally at the C.H. House &c. Called at Mothers Wm. McGarvey left us this afternoon for Phila and was the bearer of sundry despatches for Haverford where

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he intends going to see Edmund Thomas
to-morrow at home — weather a rain Storm —
5th day 4th Occupied much of the business
hours of the day in preparing Papers and in
taking measures for their completion to effect
a Sale of a house & lot in Rochester belonging
to the Estate — after tea I supped with the
family went to the Mechanics Hall on
an errand and stopped to see the dwarf
She to be upwards of 17 years old and weighs
23 lb height 3 7 inches — There is some mys-
tery about the matter said to arise from the
aversion of the family to which he holds his pa-
rentage, residing in Vermont and Stowe in
good circumstances, to acknowledge him, by
reason of which he is said to have been placed
in a very obscure situation where he has seen
no body but the old woman who has had the Care
of him and who has lately died — he is well
formed and child like — very pale with a
bright eye and though very ignorant not
lacking in intelligence — if his age is as sta-
ted he is a curious object of attention —
after my return reading from the Review a
Sketch of the late Lord Holland &c &c
1st day 5th Attended Meetings AM & P.M.
at Friends House of Worship — and remained
at home the rest of the Day — our usual Sun-
day Calls as usual — much to the interrup-
tion of the employments appropriate to the Day

besides several of our own Fam[y]. Circle. Mrs. Fa. Riddell & daughter — S[R] Arnold & her guest Harriet Allen of Providence were of the number — Ina Chen H, sister & the two little girls went with me in the forenoon and the others including these with the exception of Machen H in the afternoon and the two little girls in the ev[g]. were at the Episcopal Services — except Underwood that Francis went with his fr[d] Henry Allen to the Unitarian Ch[h]. in the afternoon —

2[d]. day 6[th]. At home before breakfast engaged as usual and in writing in the books of the Estate I then missed and was unable to find three notes which I had taken on behalf of the Estate. as is stated in a pencil Mem[o]. in P. books — after breakfast went to the Bank Directors meeting — and to call on Jer[h] Winslow — but did not see him — then devoted myself to the Cg. House duties through the day and till 8 O'Cl[k] P[M] — with the exception of the hour of dinner which was after the fam[y]. on account of letters by the Rail Road which I could not finish even then in time for the conveyance — latter part of the ev[g]. at home —

3[d]. day 7[th]. Detained at home till rather late after the usual morning occupations, with reference to our domestic establishment for the winter, Alex[r]. health making it necessary to have some other dependance for the fam[y]. occasioned by retaining J. Owen the Gardener through the winter — Gave the rem[r]. of the day to Cg House duties & ev[g] at the Lyceum — Lecture by Mr Gilf

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which was again very interesting to the Crowded Audience — Sister Edith took tea with us —

4th day 8th Engaged at the Cg. House the most of the day — and in the evg had to the Fam. a part of M.Caulay's review of Ranke's Hist of the Popes — obtained

5th day 9th Morng at home read & wrote — Noon devoted principally to business objects at the Ins.Co Office &c and in the afternoon attended a meeting at the Marine Bank to hear the report of John Williams and Judge Prescott on the Comp.y Lands under Jos.C Williams agency — The report is on the whole rather encouraging, so that the parties present all agreed to advance 25 % on their former investments — to clear them of debt and get titles individually to their respective Shares, all being now in the name of J.R. Williams — Spent a short time with Edith at twilight at the Cg. House, when I could have no fire the stove pipe being in process of repairs — Evg. at the Adj. Mg. of the Lyceum at the Lyceum Hall, which was well attended and resulted in adopting substantially the resolutions reported by the Com.e providing for the Sale of the Real Estate & the library and Museum if an advantageous disposition can be made of them particularly the former so that they shall

be no further expense to the Society while at the same time they shall be equally available to the members and more so to the public than at present the Mg. held till 9 ½ Oclk beginning at 7 — which clearly proved the Propriety of allowing more time to the members to consider the important Changes Contemplated

6th Day 10th At home in the Mg — reading &c as usual, Day devoted to Sundry occasions relating to the Cg. House & its more comfortable condition, the Lyceum &c — Wrote some letters — and dispatched them by a walk to the Rail Road and call at the R.R. Office

7th Day 11th Engaged at Sundry places — including a call on Jes. Winslow — whom I afterwards met at the Ins. Office in the forenoon — Spent also some time at the Cg. House — afternoon principally Spent at the Office of the Institution for Savings with reference to the Lyceum Members — In the Mg. had a Call from Robt. Murray of New York & his Son in law Geo. F. Bussey — also from a Persons with Specimens of Sundry works of Engraving &c in process of publication to obtain Subscribers —

1st Day 12 Attended Mtgs. AM & PM as Fr. place of Worship and in the Mg at the Anniversary Meeting of the Benevolent Society to hear the address by Wm. Morrison which was entirely extemporaneous, and presented many very important Considerations. I accompanied my sister Sarah — After the Mg —

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meeting I accompanied Mrs Chen H and little Sue to call at bro Benj^ns — to see Sister Susan and the little girl — found her much better than I expected — able to walk about (and to use her arm & hand very well — the others of the fam. went to the Episcopal Service — Henry & Frank also in the evg — Sister Chloe has been for two or three days confined to the nursery by one of her severe colds —

2 Day 13th Went to the Rail Road & C.H. before breakfast but returned in season for the Mg. services in part — after breakfast attended to forwarding a lot of Oil C. Rail Road — had J. Winslow to dine with us — who left us about 5 for another engagement — very pleasant to have him with us — Spent an hour or two at the C. House, evg. as home — Sister C. continues in the nursery —

3. day 14th Engaged in C.H. House duties most of the day — the weather stormy with rain — Attended the Lyceum lecture in the evg — which notwithstanding the weather was well attended Mr. Giles gave his 3d & last lecture on Ireland — at Liberty Hall, as the Mechanic's Hall proved to small for the audience at the previous lecture — Mary was at the lecture having intended me to go with her and Elder B. S. Rotch called — at its close

4th Day 15th C.J. House employments became engaged my attention to day. Called at Mothers after breakfast & Accompanied the Bank Meeting & 5th Day 16th Occupied at the C.J. House 6th Day 17th Spent the morng. in some instructions to the men & about the fires and fittings there relating including an errand to the Blacksmiths about the Assizes Gate — Called in at the Court House after dinner to see the man on trial for burglary & the attempt to rob the Merchants Bank I heard a part of the plea of the Dist. Atty. which comprised a train of circumstantial evidence of irresistable force — he was found Guilty by the Jury as I learn this evg — with the above exceptions I passed the business hours of the day at the C.J. House — going to a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port Jock & Fore return.g in the evg — Ed. Auth.g was here — I called at my mothers before going to the Store in the forenoon

7th Day 18th Engaged from 9 a good part of the forenoon at home directing and aiding about some domestic matters in the Male department — Rem.d of the C.J. House when I was detained till near 8 Oclk. Calling in to see my Mother on my return — whom I had not seen before this Snow Stormy day — found her well — engaged late in the evg completing some of the

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Mechanical arrangements in readjusting the cover of the ashes depository which by the want of care of some of the domestics had been partly burned so as to let out the dust in sifting into the Cellar

1st day 19th — Attended meeting AM & PM at Friends' place of worship — and in the ev. went with Mary to the Episcopal Church & heard a sermon from Mr Bent now of Taunton — Mary with the other children went there also to the Presbyn Services — Ma Chen H & sister P. did not go out — I went to Mothers for a short call after the ev. Meeting — read. principally in Douglas' "Errors of Religion"

2d day 20th Mg. at home Spent some time at Mothers in the forenoon looking over her Newspapers, — rest of the day devoted to Cg. House business — ev'g at home

3d day 21 At home in the Mg. Spent the day at my Cg. House business. ev'g at the Lyceum, Lecture by J.B. Congdon on the moral Subject of benevolence or love to our fellow Creatures as brethren of the same family — under the title of one of Cath. Sedgwicks popular works "Live & let Live" — It breathed a heart warm in its aspirations for the good of the Many and was eloquent in illustrations from History and the monuments of antient art & Power, of the disregard of

of the great principle which should bind all classes into one family of love — by which the millions of former ages as well as in our own times as shown by the Wars in Europe during the present Century — as well as the vicious systems of Soc[y] now prevalent in the old Country and their present gigantic Military Establishments are sacrificed in happiness and in life to the aggrandisement of the few — he commenced with a eulogium of Miss Sedgwick & ended with one on Dickens — as the two writers in this Country and in England whose works gave the strongest evidence of that warm and expansive benevolence which is inculcated by the Religion which all profess but so few worthily practice
4th Day 22. Mg. at home — after breakfast called at Geo. Howland's to see Sam[l] Parsons and ask him to dine — had a pleasant call & some conversation with Susan respecting her late visit to N. Carolina Gt. Mg — afternoon called at Mothers — and devoted the rem[r] of the day to Cg. House employment — rather late at tea — read to the family part of Mc Cauley's review of Milton &c —
5th Day 23 — Mg. at home except an errand to the Rail Road, after bkft. to the Bank &c — at Mothers, and the Cg. House & the rem[r] of the day — part of the afternoon engaged in reference to my Seow — Cg. at home ready

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89 to the fam'y. &c Frank and Lue both have colds — so that they were det. from School —

6th day 24th Spent the morn'g. in looking over some books sent for examination from the Office of the S.S. Union. Afternoon also principally spent in the same manner — called at mothers — afternoon at the C.G. House — and e'g. at the Episcopal Ch. with Mary to attend the services of Christmas eve — house crowded — a good sermon from Mr. Lambert on the song of the heavenly angels. Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men —

7th day 25th Morning at home — after breakfast went to Wm. Wall's room to see about a frame for the portrait of my wife's father which he has been paint'g — thence to mothers and the C.G. room & where I was occupied till an early din'r. hour — to accommodate the assistants in the family in attend'g a funeral from a Catholic family of their acquaintance — most of the fam'y. attended the Religious Services appropriate to the day — Rachel H. afflicted with a severe head ache in the afternoon & eve'g so as to prevent her sitting up — Uncle Edw'd Morgan was here at dinner — and her sister Rachel and cousin Rebecca Morgan at tea — Ch't & Sarah & bro'r Wm. & his wife called in the e'g. to see their Children home — Ch't Rebecca got home

on 5th day eve from F. Rotch's — having left their
sister Mirick better —
1st day 26th Spent the M.g. partly in prepar-
ing temperance papers to be distributed at
the Sunday Schools — Attended Friends
M.g. in the forenoon accompanied with ma
cher H & sue — the others, except Frank
& his aunt Tribe — at the Episcopal — &
in the eve I with ma cher H, Mary & Sue
were at Services at that Church — Wm J Rotch
and our niece Emily called in the afternoon
and Saml Parsons of Flushing, with his affi-
anced Susan Howland. & Wm Roberson after the
M.g. M.g —
2d day 27th M.g. at home — after breakfast
— to the Bank M.g & C.g. House, called a
minute at Redmans on my way home to
request of Jos Lea & the care of a small par-
cel for Wakefield — afternoon at the
C.g. House, and eve with ma cher H. prin-
cipally at W. & Tobin's Shop — about
sunset visited with Mary the new Hotel
called the "Parker House" now nearly ready
to be opened built and owned by J. H. Parker
and occupying the Purchase St. side of
the Square between Middle & Elm Streets
— his former residence constituting the North
[illegible]
3 28th — Walked before breakfast to Peleg Gif-
ford's — in evening conversed with Mary Norris

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The mild weather being favorable for repairing the north wall from which a large quantity of Stones had been removed by A.G. Snell with my consent — afterwards Engaged at the C.H. tide till 1 P.M. — after tea went with mother Chase to Wm C. Lefavor Shop to select New year presents — [see note of yesterday]

4th day 29th — Spent most of the day in C.H. House employments — called with Mary to see her Cousin Martha now here on a visit to her mother &c — but she was out — examined the Green House, which looks very well, but I think the plants not quite so flourishing as ours. — On return P.M. found Martha & her mother made a Call at our house — In the Ev. went with Sister R. & Mary to several book Shops for A.G. presents — I had yesterday forenoon a Call from Geo. Howland in which he manifested the same Selfish disposition relative to my Participating in the benefits of the extension of North Water Street — and avowed himself aggrieved and injured in his feelings by the imputations Contained in the five letters which I had written to him on the Subject — and nothing of the Spirit of conciliation which I had hoped would be the result of his late visit to the South on the Religious Concern of

his wife) — was apparent — At thought the facts which affects me were innocent but the words which faintly characterise those facts, as I am compelled to interpret them, were to him serious cause of offence. —

5th day 30th Attended the Bank Direct-ors meeting — and after it met my uncle Wm at the Bank, and enquired of him relative to his view of the matter between Geo. Howland & myself — as Geo. had told me in the interview to which I alluded yesterday that my Uncle was one of the two persons to whom he had shown my letters and that he condemned me & justified him — He told me that I was wrong in using some offensive phrases — and unreasonable in requiring him to fill his dock for my accommodation — this I never had required — and he un-derstood him that he was willing that I should pass on the rest of the same — When he had expressly disclaimed in these several con-versations all obligation or disposition to give me any privilege which would subject him to any expense or to in the least interfere with the full occupation of his premises on that side — When not used by him and I could use at a cast way what was quite impracticable for such a purpose without a trifling expense in preparation or his part — I was at liberty to do so — but he moreover

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told me that he contemplated extending his line in that direction which w^d make it impossible for me thus to pass if I w^d be at the cost of making a passable cart way myself over his lot, which I of course would not do, after I had labored and paid as I had done to extend to his wharf a public street of the best description, on the full understand^g that I sh^d pass his lot to gain access to my wharf from the Sands —

He further made him believe that I had refused to remove my small building to admit of his extending his north wall eastward, although the fact of his line's interfering with the building (a consequence which I did not anticipate) arose from my yielding to him, when unsolicited I surveyed my lot soon after its purchase, half the surplus in measurement of S^d lot as bounded by his previous purchase on the South and Porters on the north — presuming that such was the equitable course, and that it w^d not interfere with the building. I placed them by Asa Russell, who was the first purchaser from the heirs of the original proprietors. which purchase was probably 20 years prior to G. H^s purchase of his lot of another of the heirs — But so far was his statement from the fact, that as the only time when he

had mentioned his wish to extend his wall which w^d require the removal of my Shop I declared myself ready to do so whenever he wished it done — this was probably two years or more ago — and I have since declined making some improvements which the occupants have wanted expressly on the ground, as they can attest, of this expected removal — These facts with my other explanations changed my views of the matter — and he & he w^d Speak to Geo^e again on the subject — Spent the rem^r of the day in attending to my business at the Cg. House & returned home to a late supper — rem^r of the ev^g at home — called at mothers on business several times

— 6^th day 31^st Went out before breakfast to send an order by the Rail Road w^h I failed to accomplish — stopped at A Robinsons to write a letter to M. H. Ruggles to be forwarded by one of the family — engaged at the Cg. House through the day with some exception including a call at Chandlers Shop to supply ma cher H with some new year's tokens for some of her friends in humble life — detained at the Cg. House till a late supper hour which as usual in such cases I took Solus — J. B. Congdon called before I got home in relation to the temperance celebration of tomorrow by the Wash^n Tem. Soc^y — T. R. Dix called in the ev^g to talk in a cheerful strain that the Rev. M^r Snow was affected

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hen to morrow. to preach or. first day next — Thus closes another year marked by the usual variety of events, but partaking largely of the kindly (to our usual perceptions I mean, for they are all benevolent in reality) dispensations of Providence — Our accumulated blessings should call forth our pious gratitude — but alas not unattended with painful regrets that they have not been improved more worthily — Time flies apace and is hastening to a close, may we study by divine assistance to redeem what remains, and strive to apply it to its legitimate and high purposes — those grand considerations which stretch limitless beyond this fleeting scene

7th day 1 mo. 1. 1842 Occupied at home as usual in the M.g. after breakfast called at J.B. Congdon's house & at the bank to see him relative to the duty assigned to us by the Washington T. A. Soc.y of calling upon the Orator Mr. Pierpont at their Morning Services — and waiting upon him to the new Town Hall — found J.B.C. unable from ill health to attend — I then sought for some one else to accompany me but did not readily succeed and finally had to wait for A.R. (who has children attend. dist. at his house) to finish his breakfast which brot. us so late at the lodgings of Mr. P.

that he had left for the point of assembling before me got there — followed to the Hall and — as the mg was considerably advanced the proposed march in procession through the streets was omitted and we walked directly to Liberty Hall — and Had an interesting and instructive address — the audience was not so large as I had hoped to see it — after the mg — I went to the Cg. House and spent an hour or two with reference to the 1st of the year — returned home and took a hasty dinner and again repaired to the temp: mg — and heard Mr. Mathalls address — he is a reformed inebriate and gave some striking passages of his own bitter experience from the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors — The mg. again was rather small — and I presume the Washingtonians were rather disappointed at the apparent want of sympathy with them & their objects — Though other causes I think led to the result observed. — after the exercises I went again to the Cg. House — and was occupied till after dark — Called at Mothers to pay mine particularly them I had in the mg my Congratulations & Respects — found And: & his affianced bride & bro Wm there — On returning home took a hasty & late supper and then called to pay my respects to my Uncle Wm & Aunt Mary's families — had pleasant calls to each and thus finished the 1st of the year — Macheseth

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& sister declined seeing their friends as is customary on new years day, on acct. of our late bereavement — but it was a day of excitement in sympathy with the children in receiving & despatching tokens of remembrance — Thus are we again at a new epoch of time, what may be the developements the pleasures and sorrows of the year now begun is wisely & benevolently hid from our vision — Wise will it be if we so adequately ponder the importance of the unknown future as to be prepared to meet with hope and resignation with gratitude & confidence and unwavering trust the allotments of an all wise & merciful Providence — May it be my strenuous endeavor thus to live, and to promote similar anxieties & efforts on the part of all with whom I have an influence

2d. day 2. Attended M.G. all with ma Chas H. Sue & Ellen at Friends Home of worship — in the afternoon went with ma chas H. Sue & Frank to Grace Church to hear Mr. Snow who being here on a visit was expected to preach — He did so — from the text "My times are in thy hand" — at the close of which he alluded in a touching manner to the sudden separation of himself from the congregation as their Pastor — and took occasion to address to them some affec-

tionate and appropriate words of Greeting & farewell, his voice trembled in this recurrence to the afflictive dispensation through which he had passed — but observed with reference to his own particular sorrows, that consolations had even more abounded. and concluded by a particular benediction on the Members & congregation individually & collectively — after the mg. I called at C.W. Morgans and found him below Stairs. — Also called at our neighbor Phd Riddell's where Mr. S. is staying to see him and ask him to visit us 2d day 3 — At home before breakfast — then to the bank, mothers and the Cg. House — had the Compy. of Mr. Snow and his Successor Mr. Lambert at dinner who remained till about Sunset — when they took leave of us and I went to the Cg. House and was buried till about 9 Oclk — The New Year always bringing extra Cares & duties — besides those relating to the Estate of my Father and the Rotch Whf. Cy. of which I have the Charge — Our dear Mary has been On the bed all day — with considerable fever if not better tomorrow we must call in our Medical friend D. Read. The visit from Mr. S & L was very pleasant & satisfactory

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3. day 4th — At home before breakfast and occupied through the day at the Cg. House &c — left in season to hear nearly the whole of Mr. Peabody's lecture on the history of the British East India Compy. — and the wonderful train of events which have led to the absolute control by a small body of English Merchants, of a densely peopled Country larger than the whole U.S. east of the Rocky mountains 160 000 Square miles containing 150 millions of human beings — events that have their causes in the previous history of India which have kept the immense population without any homogenious character in Social life Politics or religion or language — an aggregation of repellent elements, which have been adroitly and boldly availed of by the British to produce this phenomenon in the history of Mankind. The Rev. gentleman proposes in a subsequent lecture to bring down his account to the present time & State of that vast region — returned home after the lecture. Mary is better, and up in the nursery

4th day 5th Engaged through the day at the Cg. House having gone there before breakfast, which is unusual this

period of the year brings many additional duties — returned late at tea. Cousin Anna Rotch visiting Miss Chace &c — latter part of the ev. at brother Williams on business as Ex. of my fathers Estate

5th Day 6th — At the Cg. Hse again before breakfast — and with little intermission through the day — at tea with the family and then to the meet. of the Temp. Committee — which was not over till past 9 Oclk — the discouragements growing out of the apathy and inattention of the Committee — and the consequent increase of the Rum traffic being the subjects of conversation

6th Day 7th Occupied principally by Counting house duties incidental to this season of annual settlements.

7th Day 8th Engaged most of the day at the Cg. Hse and at home &c in examining and paying accounts for the past year. detained rather late at the Cg. House making the incidental entries — latter part of the ev. at home

1st Day 9th Attended Friends meeting Alle & P.S.H. went in the ev. with the family except the little girls, and Sally Hammond who took tea with us to attend the Episcopal Service — which was well attended and the Sermon from the text

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by Mr.
Lambert was interesting and instructive
2^d. day 10 — At home in the Mg. at
the Bank directors Mg — the Annual meet-
ing of the Institution for Savings & the
Organizing meeting of the directors &
at the Cg. House tild the Starting of the
rail Road train — then to a late din-
ner from the Depot — and at the Cg. Ho
again till 8 Pm — afterwards at home
— This is the day of Mcg. of the Pocassett
Cg. but my engagements did not allow
me to be present.
3. day Engaged at the Cg. House all
through the day, attended the Ly-
ceum lecture in the MS — on the
advantages of Taste — by the Rev.
Mr. Roberts — took Supper after
the lecture
4^th day 12^th — Spent most of the
forenoon in attending to the Tem-
perance Cause — Called and had
a long expostulation at the tippling
Shop of Ponroy Billings — Call-
ed also at Robt. Tabers and Sev-
eral times at the Police Office
afternoon Cg at the Cg. House
— called at the close Cat. & Ul.
Morgans to attend Mary Thurs-
when was A Roberts Jany &

a few of the Corrections — I omitted to mention in my note of the 10th that after the close of the Mg. of Trustees of the Institution for Savings. my Uncle Wm Poter Jr told me that he had seen George Howland and told him of my correction of some of his misstatements respecting the new part of Water Street and matters therewith connected — and that Geo. denied that the old affair (alluding as I supposed to the Paper Mill) had had anything to do with his course — but I found that he had taken another ground of defence viz that he had paid more for the Street than I had & therefore he ought not to give me a passage across his lot to mine if it would involve no more expense than fifty Dolls — I told my Uncle that the Statement was not true, as I could prove to him by figures, and it was a violation of truth & honesty for Geo. thus to attempt to justify his proceedings — I was disposed to go into a more detailed explanation, but from some cause (apparently (but in this I might have been mistaken) from a bias in Geo.'s favor as he seemed to think the terms and in relation above to his conduct as above mentioned were unmerited — he thereupon rather abruptly and without alleging any other reason ended the interview

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5th day 13th. Went to the Cg. House before breakfast but returned at the time of our usual Mg. reading — after breakfast went to the Bank Directors meet? — thence to the Cg. House, till dinner — where I was busily engaged with Temp.a duties as One of the Comrs for the Suppression of the Slave traffic — called at the Police Court on my way home and after dining called at my brother Williams on business — thence to the Cg. House. Stopping on my way to examine the house formerly Jos. Chapis belonging to my father's estate, but left in the occupancy and enjoyment of his widow gratuitously till her death which occurred about two weeks ago — Gave the tenants notice to leave — called also at G. Allens Cg. room — then devoted the Remr of the afternoon & ev.g to work at the Cg House — weather cold — Mercury this ev.g 10½ Pds at 4° — above Cypher

6th day 14 — At home before breakfast and through the day & till 8 Pds principally engaged in Cg. House duties — On calling at my brother Williams found that Alfred was arrived from Cambridge and from him learned that his cousin William was also here & that the latter was Suspended for not observing the College regulations. A

very unpleasant. and I think disgraceful fact, which must give his parents much trouble and anxiety —

7th. day 15th Busily engaged at the Cg. House & through the day, going there before Service and remaining there with the exceptions of breakfast & Dinner till quite late in the Evg —

1st day 16th Attended meeting in the forenoon at Friends M.g. with Ma Chase H. & the little girls — Sister P. & the Others at Grace Church — We had a long and monotonous Sermon from S. H. which was rather burthensome — In the afternoon I walked towards the Jail and strolled through the Rope walk lot where I met some Subjects for the Temp: reformation and bestowed some labor upon them — being in sight of the new little meeting House, lately built in Dartmouth not far from the rendezvous of profligate people from this Town & Vicinity — I was induced to go there and participate in the devotions of those thither repairing for worship — I found my friends Jn. Bush-nell & Edwd. S. Cannon, the latter having been chiefly instrumental in originating and sustaining the meeting — the former delivered the Sermon and the latter with one other made interesting exhortations interspersed with singing — I thought it good to be there

In returning with an acquaintance which I made on the way of a religious character - I called at the families who are tenants of my farm House, and made enquiries after their welfare & the Constancy of the heads of them to their new temperance pledge - obtained satisfactory information - after tea went with Journal of the Fam. to Grace Church - and heard a good Sermon on the Unity love in its most extended application - On the broad Scale of humanity - a common nature endowments & hopes irrespective of the factitious and accidental classifications of Society - And. & his bride elect were here before dinner also Louisa Robeson on visit -

2 day 17th. Went to the C. House before breakfast and past there most of the day & eve - attending the bank Directors meeting however & some other duties abroad

3d day Repaired again to the C. House early and got home to breakfast too late for the usual devotional reading the fam. having assembled rather earlier than common engaged through the day principally at the C. House and in the eve. attended the Lyceum Lecture which was given by the Rev. W. Lord of Boston on the Character of the Germanic Nations

which was interesting — exhibiting many noble & estimable traits prior as well as during the dawn & progress of their early Civilization. — After the Lecture I called with Mary to see Hannah Riddell in relation to the future accommodation of Mary Earl in one of my tenements in the House on 7th Street. — I called in the forenoon with my accounts on George Howland at his C.H. room — and had some further Conversation with him relative to my Claim to a participation in the use of Water St. as now extended by crossing his wharf lot to mine — but he persists in the position which he has on former occasions maintained that he was under no obligation to me whatever to grant the accommodation which I think I have an unquestionable right to Claim — he repeated his determination in such an one expression as this — That "he had put his foot down — and would never make for me a way across his lot like I filled up my dock and the Street was extended to Mansfield Street" — He said he felt himself highly aggrieved and injured by the unjust imputations which I had cast upon him in my letters on the Subject — I told him that I considered myself the injured party — but that I thought I might claim one advantage over him if no

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to this in as much as I had always avowed myself willing and desirous to submit our different views on the points at issue to the judgment of judicious and disinterested men — which he had refused to do — having previously often declared to him and again repeated it that I would promptly make any retraction and acknowledgment to him for any unmerited act or expression which I had done or used, in the premises, on being convinced or fairly adjudged by impartial and competent men, that the case required — He appealed to his established Character through a business life of 40 years for said honorable dealing to shield him from the imputation which I had so unjustly cast upon him — he said he did not want to talk upon the subject, because he felt himself to much injured that he could not talk with Calmness, I told him that if such was the case I did not wish him to do so — that I considered myself grievously wronged — but yet could now, as I had often before endeavored to do before, talk with him on the subject in an amicable Spirit, which disposition I had been much surprised and disappointed to find could not be met by him in the same — manner — However much he might feel himself a-

grieved I thot I had much more reason to feel so — and that although I could submit to the wrong which he did & persisted in doing me, that I should not submit to it silently but should endeavor to ascertain what others our mutual friends neighbors & fellow citizens thought on the subject — he excused himself from further conversation saying he was preparing to go to Salem in the afternoon and he with his son Matthew left the Store together — the latter preceding us by a minute perhaps —

4th day 29th At home before breakfast & forenoon about my business in sundry places & the Cy. House where I was detained till 2 OClk writing for the R. R. Train — In the afternoon called at my Brother Williams to complete some business in relation to Alfreds legacy from his Grandfather — Thence to the Grave yard to direct the placing of the Grave Stones at my father Priors grave — met with my bro. Benj. in his buggy & got him to take me the walk — after leaving the Cemetery, met Capt. Matthew Luce, who stopped to say a word or two — he introduced the subject of the Howlands bad faith in stopping the practical benefits of Water Street at his premises — said that he and all who voted for it at the Town

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did it under the impression that it was to form a Comp.y with my wharf, which was the last and largest improvement on the Line — But that one individual had predicted what had now happened — he was indignant at the meanness and selfishness which it showed. — This Conversation was quite Spontaneous on his part as I had never spoken to him except quite incidentally when he had on some occasion alluded to the subject — which had not been the case for many months — I rode with B. to near my Cy. soon and then applied the rest of the time till about 8 Oclk to business there &c — Rem.d of the ev.g at home —

5th. Day 20th. At home before breakfast writing and assisting my Sweet little Sue about her Sums — Spent the forenoon in Calls at Sundry places on business one of too Long reference to the Temp.ce Cause and at the Cy. House — Afternoon Called at Mothers and did some business relating to the "Estate" — then till tea time at the Cy. House, ev.g at home — read the Conclusion of Macaulay's review of Milton — Dr Hardy Spent the latter part of the ev.g with us —

6th. Day 21st. At home before breakfast — most of the forenoon attending to the Temp.ce Cause viz the trial of John Blake

for keeping a tippling Shop (bar room) he was fully convicted. only the 3 first witnesses being put upon the Stand — Wilkins was one of them who told the truth without attempt at concealment — 1st. of the day at the Cy. House &c — Eve. at a party at my uncle Williams's which was an agreeable meeting with our usual circle of family acquaintances — and a few whom I had not met in comp'y. before — It was interesting to see my uncle looking so well at the age of 82 surrounded by his friends & relations of the old middle & younger class Capt. Crocker & Jer. Winslow were of the party — Mary accompanied me, going & returning with Sister Edeia in mothers Carriage.

7th. Day 22 At home before breakfast at the Cy. House &c most of the day. Eve. at home had the comp'y. of our friend Jer. Winslow at tea &c — Sister Edeia also with us

1st day 23d. before breakfast prepared the Temp. papers for the month for distribution — Attended friends Meeting & all day — made a call after dinner at Rich Luscombs to invite him to sign the Temp. pledge and enter upon a new course of life — found him averse but took time to deliberate on the matter — Eve. at home with Ann Eliza and the little Girls. who

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read and sung devotional pieces
the others at Grace Church — I called
w^h T. Early & H Russell to give papers.
2^d day 24^th. At the C.g. Rise before breakfast
but seasonably at home, after break-
fast at the Bank, and then devoted a
considerable part of the forenoon to the
Temp^ce Cause, attended on the trial of
Edw^d Felton, who with Pomroy Bil-
lings was fully convicted — though
the witnesses did what they could
to screen them — In the afternoon
I attended at the Police Court to wit-
ness the trial of Robert Taber — who
was also fully convicted of keeping
a tipplinig Shop. he. as a matter of
form I suppose also appealed — the
rem^r of the day devoted to my own con-
cerns at the C.g. House & C.g. at
home — Mary went with her aunt
Eliza to Sybil Robeson's Party — and
Frank & Sue were in the C.g at Dr.
Heads — I had a call from Henry
Russell on the Temp^ce Subject — He is
firm and interested in its success — I
called at Uncle W^m's on business — and
took occasion to show him by figures
the fallacy of Geo Howland's Statement
that he had p^d more Money for Water
Stock than I had. Mine Strictly

Speaking being nearly three times as much as his —

3d day 25th — Spent most of the first half of the day at home writing a letter to B. Burnell M. C. relative to a petition for a Marine Hospital at this place w.h I forwarded — Went at the Cg. House — afternoon also there, & eg. at the Lyceum. Lecture by Jn° Williams, on Florida & the Florida War —

4th day 26th mainly engaged in Counting House duties &c

5th day 27th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors — and spent the day principally in attending to my business at the Cg. House &c, called at Mothers and had an invitation to tea with J. Winslow, but did not get there till tea was over & J. had left — Spent the eg. there till 9 with Mr & Mrs Mudge the latter of whom I found there and the former came a little later — Called at Mary Swains to see and take leave of J. H. who does not expect to be here again before he returns to France —

6th day 28 — Occupied with my business at the Cg. House &c went in the eg. to Bro: Wm to tea — where was a small party including Mother & Violetta Ruggles who is now her guest J. H. Morison & wife &c & under young persons including Son Mary. a D. of Lem Williams and a Son & Geo. Emerson with Robt. Swain his class mate &

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4th Day 29th Occupied at the County House most of the day — our little girls had N. H. Wells little daughter to visit them. I was late at tea and wrote a while after in contin[ue] of my business correspondence Mr. Joselyn called with reference to bank note engrav[ing]

1st Day 30th Attended Friends Meeting Solemn — the children going to Grace Church and Mr. Chase & Sister remg. at home the latter having had a fall a day or two since which lamed her considerably — in the evg. I went with Mr. Chase to spend a little time with my mother — and after returning called at C. W. Morgans & W. R. Rodmans to give notice of a mtg of the Onondaga Salt Co. tomorrow evg — J. Arnold having called on me in the mg & requested me so to do — I made a call after Mtg. at Rich: Luscombes to see him about the temp: pledge, did not find him at home but had considerable conversation with his wife who I found was hearty in the Cause, though she was not aware of any particular necessity in his Case.

2d day 31st — At the mg. of Bk. Directors — and then engaged at the Co. House & through the day; in the Evening went to my Uncle Williams to consult with the

other parties interested in the Onondaga Salt Cy - relative to the proposal made by Isaac Smith last Summer for discussing a large debt due from him to the Cy. by redeeming his Store and Whf at Buffalo by a pretty large advance from a bill now held by the Bank of Oswego, and the right to do which will expire on the 17th of the 3d Mo. next — It was concluded that James Arnold and I should go to Syracuse & Buffalo and complete the transaction if on a full examination and investigation it should be judged best to do so —

3d day 2d Mo. 1 Attended to my business at the Cy. House &c — through the day and in the ev. went with ma Cheney H & Mary to the Lyceum, The lecture was by the Rev. E. K. Peabody on British India - and very interesting, after returning wrote late in drawing up a Statement to the Overseers of the Mg. meeting relative to Geo. Howlands refusal to give me a way to the New Street across his whf. lot

4th day 2 — Rose late viz about Sunrise on acct. of my late vigil — devoted the day to making arrangements and putting my affairs in order for my proposed absence

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— detained at the C.H. House till about
4 O'clk — and retired soon after my
w.g. meal — expecting to set out to-
morrow — though I may possibly de-
fer my departure till the 3 O'clk train
of the m.f. following —

5th day 3. Rose early and spent the forenoon
in making arrangements for leaving home, which
I effected so as to take the R.R. Cars at 2¼ O'clk
for Boston. James Arnold in company, had a pleas-
ant ride and reached the Fremont House at about
6½ O'clk. After tea read the doings or Say-
ings at the "Dickens" dinner, and then went to
make a call at Alanson Tucker's who is lately
established with my niece Martha his wife
at a family in Chestnut Street. They were
not at home but I found my sister Roberson
there who has been some time on a visit
to her daughter, and passed the ev'g with her
till a late hour the being quite alone — On
return'g to my lodgings took a light supper &
retired. I would have taken up my quar-
ters at the "Marlborough" the temperance
house but for keeping with my cousin &
that we might move on together.

6th Day 4th Rose early took breakfast, and
repaired to the depot of the Western Rail Road
with the additional company of Samuel
Hawes whom we found at the Fremont go-
ing on the same route viz to Buffalo via

Syracuse — The weather continued mild and damp at Starting but as we proceeded the clouds broke away, and the temp.re was more like May the first days of Feby. Went on pleasantly with very short stops till we arrived at Springfield, where we waited 3/4 of an hour for the regular time of Starting for Pittsfield — On this side I was much interested in observing the Country along the route, presenting in following the course of Westfield River & the Valleys through the mountains many interesting Scenes, of a bold & striking character. The herculean labor which the construction of the Road indicates at so many points through this mountainous region gave an added interest to the ride — On reaching Pittsfield, I followed some of the passengers to the Refreshment room above Stairs to gratify a curiosity which I felt to cast my eye round the establishment — but to our surprise the bell tinkled ring — and we forthwith sought again the platform from which we had ascended — but to our surprise the cars were off. The doubt which I could not but feel as to their having actually left us so unceremoniously produced a hesitation in following, when at our greatest speed the cars might have probably been regained by us, and the attempt was not made. [Mem.: never trust again when not

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absolutely necessary to any Case or courtesy on the part of Rail Road Conductors towards their Passengers, especially on the Western R. Road. It had now become a matter of necessity to stop for the morning train from Springfield which will bring me one day later at Syracuse than my travelling Companion. Took lodgings at the Inn kept by Russell and Mariner, a very satisfactory house except that they still keep an open Bar — Walked a little about the Town, the weather & State of the roads not being favorable for walking much — afternoon I spent the eve. in the Bar Room, looking over the papers, and noticing what was passing about me, particularly with reference to the Custom at the Bar. This I was pleased to see was not large, and principally confined to a few whose vital powers had been already well nigh exhausted by the waste which the "fire water" had wrought upon them. Indeed the Smoking excepted which darkly pervaded the atmosphere, there was a tone of decorum and intelligence in the manner & matter of the current Conversation which made it sometimes very interesting and such as effectually restrained all, if any, were disposed to indulge in the common vulgar slang of Bar Room Visitants.

One of the gentlemen, named Anderson, was

an engineer on the Rail Road, was some years since employed by the Genl. Government at Nantucket in making Surveys with reference to the feasibility & utility of constructing an artificial harbor by a break-Water extending from "Great Point" — after looking through the Papers I participated slightly in the Conversation.

7th day 5th — After an excellent night's rest, rose about Sunrise, the weather still raining — so that there was no inducement to walk abroad — Soon after breakfast Drove to the Depot, and had considerable Conversation with my fellow traveller and Companion in disappointment by the Cars — having also been with him at the Hotel. — his name is Cooper — he resides in Hartford and appears to be a man of intelligence and moral worth. he has been in the State legislature — The Subject of our Conversation was Prison Discipline, to which he appears to have given a good deal of attention. — He condemns decidedly the Auburn System, as Sacrificing the great objects of Penitentiary discipline the Security of the Public and the Reformation of the delinquents to a mistaken idea of economy. He gives the Pennsylvania Plan, as exemplified in their Eastern Penitentiary a decay

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decided preference. The Eastern Cars arrived at the usual time a quarter before 10; But the train from the West did not get in till 10½ Oclk. This delay was owing to the raining & thawing weather which caused the earth at the sides of the excavations to slide and the embankments to yield a little in some places so that great Caution in running was necessary. On taking Leave of Russell & Warriner I remarked that I was very well satisfied with the House in all things except the "Bar" which I thought was now quite out of place in a House like theirs — and expressed a hope that the next time I might have occasion to call there I should find that it had been closed or removed — About 10½ Oclk the Cars were in motion Westward and went on pleasantly, stopping at several places. I was pointed to the spot where the engine run off a day or two since and was overturned by the side of a deep Cutting killing the Engineer & fireman — We saw yesterday the Station and fragmentary locomotive & tender going into Springfield with the descending train — I saw also the fragments of the Rock which rolled from the bank near the same place (in the township of Richmond) about 11 Oclk yesterday Mg. which obstructed the progress of the downward train about 2 hours. till it could be blasted and re-

moved from the track — Had it been at night it might have occasioned a fatal Concussion to life as well as ruinous to the train — As we approached the Hudson. The Catskill mountains formed a fine feature in the landscape — their gigantic sides and summits partially veiled in the blue mantle by which distance lends enchantment to the view" — On reaching the point from which the river could be seen it presented the appearance of an extensive Sea, its banks overflowed for miles, houses surrounded — buildings overturned, vehicles covered — fences hid or prostrate — On reaching Greenbush we found the whole Scite submerged. Scarcely a house in the large village could be gained without a boat — The R. R. track & Depot almost the only avenue and object not affected by the flood. On alighting from the Cars I found that my Cousin James & Sam. Hawes had obtained lodging the last night at a Private House not being able to cross the river last ev'g — and had gone on this morning. my Trunk & Cloak in the care of the Baggage Master at the depot, expecting to be at Syracuse to night, and that I should find them there to morrow ev'g — The height and rapidity of the water and the violence of the wind, though the ice was all gone, made the passage across difficult at the time of our arrival — so that $1 — or 50¢ would demand

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did by the boatmen with the prospect of a sprinkling in the bargain. I therefore thought it not worth while for me to attempt it — and I therefore cast about to find quarters on this side. But here was some difficulty. I was little inclined to be boated to a house and there imbargoed by water till the morning — Therefore after a considerable sport and merriment with sundry persons — companions in tribulation such as it was. among there was Wm Drinker who very unexpectedly greeted me at the Depot — I found him on this occasion the same merry fellow that we had 20 years ago known him to be — He was from Newyork via Bridgeport & the Housatonic R. Road — and had had a tedious time in getting on — The Sorry Cattle by which they were to be drawn through the mud from from Canaan to the Stockbridge & Hudson R. Road — proving unequal to the task they were compelled to relieve them of part of their load by themselves wading in the darkness of night through the mud. — And now instead of finding themselves at Albany according to the Contract, they were a mile off. with a flood between them and that place which could not be passed without paying an exorbitant Price and encurring much discomfort besides. &c &c — I finally concluded to give scope to a little enterprise

on the occasion at least and not sit down without the pleasure of striving for something more agreeable than to be isolated in a house in Eppenbrunn for 18 hours. Accordingly I set forward on the frame work of the R. R. track across the water which made a rather insecure bridge, and learning that there was a public house about 2 miles on the road to Trier, although the state of the ground was by no means favorable for a pedestrian excursion, I thought I would make at least a trial of the walking in that direction, and desist if I found it too bad to proceed, by which in any event I should see something of the Country and the distant scenery from the high ground to be passed. After walking about 3 miles, part of the distance through mud I found myself at the "Livingston Hotel" where I called to get a dinner and then decide whether or not I should remain till morning. On entering by the Bar Room its aspect and the appearance of the company there assembled was very repulsive, but passing through it, I found a comfortable looking room, and on being called to my dinner in the Kitchen I was so much pleased with the appearance and with the hostess & that I was decided to remain and accordingly here make this record —

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1st day 6th After completing the note yesterday, I took a light Supper and then went into the Bar Room, where I had been annoyed by the indications of Alcoholic insanity and the moral degradation to which it so powerfully tends in conversation which the partition between was not able to confine — to make some enquiry about the roads &c — I found there two of the Pittsfield customers with the landlord Philip V. R. Livingston and his assistant of all work Niles. The attendance at the Bar — and I took occasion to lead the conversation to the Temperance Reform, — and then gave them my ideas freely on the evils of the traffic in and consumption of those poisons, which by a sort of Diabolical alchemy is extracted from the rich blessings of heaven. A young man present — Cornelius V Whitbeck, tried to say some thing in extenuation of the use of the Stimulus, but to little purpose of course except to show his ignorance of the true character + effects of alcoholic drinks on the human constitution mental & Physical — I told him that I wished I had with me some copies of the little book written by Prof. Hitchcock of Amherst College "Argument

for early temperance — All were civil and respectful in their manner, and he expressed an inclination to read upon the subject — and I promised if I had a convenient opportunity to send him one or more copies of that work or of others of analagous tendency. After a good night I rose as soon as the dawn gave me sufficient light (having no means of lighting a lamp) to walk back to Greenbush, to pass over to Albany and take a seat in the Cars for the West — I found the walking much improved by the slight frost of the night so that I got on very well. I overtook and passed a two horse wagon with a few Cans of milk for Market, so unfavorable was the State of the Roads either for wheels or horses. On walking Greenbush (about Sunrise) I found the water had receded so as to expose the Side walk of the Principal Street of the Village. After some delay in getting my trunk from the baggage room of the Depot. I crossed the River with a gentleman & two ladies, in a Small boat manned with three expert rowers, with two Oars each, to enable them the better to counteract the influence of the Strong

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eddying Currant — after attending to a small commission of my mothers at the Post Office, and made some preliminary arrangements — I set forward in the train for Schenectada — On arriving there — in a rather Shabby Car with a more miserable fellow Passenger (a half drunk talkative Irishman) — I was immediately quitted by my travelling companions from whom I had been seperated for two nights, they having been able to get no further, and they did not expect to be able to go on again till tomorrow — However on the arrival of the Cars from Ponda it appeared not improbable that we might get some distance beyond that place, and the Western train was set in motion. And we went on from place to place over the track which had been re-adjusted where it was broken or obstructed by the masses of Ice which the flood in the Mohawk had swept over it — till we reached Syracuse about 1 O'Clock, having met with no serious impediment except to get the passengers and luggage round two breaches occasioned by the loss of two or three bridges between St. Johnsville & Herkimer — We passed wrecks and ruins of bridges

buildings of small size fences &c &c — and accumulated masses of Ice spread along along the route — and saw some loads which had been in jeopardy — Canal boats floated over the bank of the Canal &c — The breaches were passed on foot by temporary structures — The accidental circumstance of there being a locomotive Engine between the breaches prevented the necessity of a considerable stage riding over the common roads now in a very mud dy condition.

2d day 7th After a late breakfast we spent the forenoon in an interview with Stephen Smith at our lodging (the Syracuse House) and after dining we went by invitation to the House of S. S. and spent the afternoon in conversation partly in relation to the Salt Co. business — though the morning interview had about exhausted the subjects to which our journey thus far had special reference — and made it appear to us that the further prosecution of our journey to Buffalo would be of very doubtful expediency — a little before 6 at tea we had the company of Stephen's wife a brisk young woman of about 22 or less — as we had previously that of his little pet daughter a child of about 2 years old — and that of Wm Russell and his wife and her sister Sally who makes one of

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W. R's family whom as old acquaintance it was pleasant to meet — Soon after tea left our friends for our lodgings to be ready to proceed in the Western train for Buffalo if on further consultation it should be thought best not to defer the journey thither till the middle of next month when the time will be out for taking possession under the judgments rendered against the property of Isaac S. Smith of B. — including that to which our mission has especial reference as the means of securing by means of a pending judgment for which 10.000 is required to be advanced, — a debt of 12000 due from I. S. S. to the Onondaga Salt Co — or a part of it as the value of the property in question may admit. — It was finally concluded that if the visit should now be made to B. it might be necessary to repeat it a month hence — and therefor it was not expedient to go there now.

Having arrived at this conclusion. I decided to take the Western Cars for Skeneateles on their arrival from Utica to make a short visit to my Brother in law John Barrow & family. J. Reynold taking a Seat in the downward train for Albany. In the morning, in company with Stephen Smith who goes thither with reference to the renewal of the Charter of the Onondaga Salt Co — now nearly expired, — when I hope to

meet him to morrow eve— The usual time of the arrival of the Utica train is 8 o'clk P.M — but as it is likely to be delayed by the breaches in the road, I concluded to retire to get a little Sleep before their arrival

3. day 8th After a nap of an hour or two I was called up to take my Seat in the Car — proceeded with usual Speed to the junction of the branch for Skeneateles, about 20 miles — there alighted with half a doz. others to take Seats in the horse Car when prepared — in the meantime stopping at a little house there erected, to comfort travellers with a warm room. or poison them with alcoholic liquors as they might desire. On comp.d notes a little on entering. I found that one of the Company at least was like myself a teetotaller — and hoped of course that there were other points of Sympathy between us, but I was soon convinced otherwise — for he proved himself to be one of the most vulgar and profane fellows that I ever encountered — his name John Stevens — a man of a good deal of native shrewdness & wit. some education and property — his humours ran in the most profane and dirty channels though very much to the amusement of most of his auditors but to my unutterable loathing — among them was a man of probably 60

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years or more, liberally educated & had been a lawyer, but who was now run down & run out I suspect in purse and character, and could now drink alcohol & relish and participate in the obscene jokes of Stevens. This ordeal to which I was subjected was unusually protracted by the State of the Road which obliged the horses to walk although the wheels were oil'd so slowly that it took them probably two or three hours to make the distance of five miles to the lake. I would have escaped from it by seeking the better company of the driver and his horses without the Car if the cold & falling Snow had not prevented my leaving the Shelter of the Car — We Stopped at the Lake House about 3 Oclk and after a few minutes by the Stove I retired to sleep — Rose about 7 — and after surmounting sundry obstacles occasioned by the deficient furniture of my room, was ready for breakfast — too late for the first Chance but the second though not inviting in itself had the advantage of ridding me of my disagreeable travelling Companions — After breakfast I obtained a horse and instructions from the Landlord and set off for Mr. Barrows — The mind was now excited by the sport and I went on slowly because I could not do otherwise with Safety, the horse being in danger of falling by breaking through

the frozen crust — But I succeeded in arriving at Bro. J's with no other inconvenience than cold fingers and a spattering of mud — I took them quite by surprise — My wifes letter which was expected to precede me not having reached them — I received from them a warm welcome, and I passed as much time as I could spare so as to reach the car as One Cilk with the parents and their love by little groupes of boys & 2 girls, all being present, except John the oldest who is with his great Uncle in England — there were 8 Children at home all well and interesting — The two youngest Thos & Fred.k I had not seen the latter an infant of 4 mos. — The Season of the year was not favorable to see the place to advantage, and I find that their farm though a good one, will barely afford them the necessaries of life, excluding many comforts and all luxuries — But they appear to be blessed with good health and with this, with intellectual tastes, good principles & sweet tempers, the chances of happiness in the long run, both for parents & Children, are perhaps as good as though fortune smiled more bountifully upon them — Sister B. said she was not quite well — They have a young woman in the family to teach the Children — As they have no advantages of Schools, and but little Society — — We spent the few hours which

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I could space very pleasantly together, and after dining, only in time to reach the Starting point of the Car, seasonably I took my leave of Sister B & the Children — bro: J. accompanying me — but so bad were the roads and such my fear of being too late for the Car that his horse could not keep up with mine and I left him behind — pressing on through the Snow & mud as rapidly as I could with safety — Bro: J. came up on foot (having left his horse by the way) before I started so that I had a few more minutes with him at the Starting Station — The company down consisted of several of the same individuals with whom I had been so much annoyed on my upward ride — and I experienced a similar disgust from their vulgarity again though not to the same degree, the light of day probably making even themselves somewhat ashamed of their baseness — They could at least see that One did not countenance their ribaldry — This was the most humiliating Specimen of human nature that I have witnessed for years — and deeply to be commiserated are the young who are exposed to such examples — On being transferred to the Auburn train which Came to the Junction about 3 Oclk I was relieved from my undesirable companions — and arrived at

Syracuse about 4½ Oclk. After securing lodging I spent the time till dark in walking through the Salt Manf. establishment of the Onondaga Co.— Joseph Savage the Superintendant being at the village I went with his hired man to see the arrangements for the several operations.— The works occupy a pretty large tract of ground, and it was growing dark when I had finished the examination — after leaving the Salt House I walked in the suburbs of the village to see the process by boiling, for which the establishments are quite numerous — The price of Salt is however now so low that only one was in operation and towards this, distinguishable by the volumn of steam which issued from it I made my way — after some delay I gained admittance and found 36 large iron kettles holding from 100 to 200 Gls - as Mr. Judge arranged in two rows of 18 each over two arches which were supplied at the opening outward with wood — At these works they made from 150 to 200 bu. of Salt P.r day — which now is worth only about $1. P.r bbl of 5 Statute bu. of 56 ℔s Ea. the State duty is 6¼ P.r bu. = 30¼ P.r bbl. the bbl costs about 30¢ which leaves but 40¼ P.r bbl or 8¼ P.r bu. for expense of manf. and profit. which must leave little or nothing under the latter head. — after tea I spent the ev.g in writing — retiring in good season to proceed eastward in the Morning train at 6½ Oclk

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Set off from Syracuse at 6 p Oclk and proceeded with the usual speed without any thing Specially to be remarked through the Places on the route — had to Change the Cars & Engine at the breach in the Road at Herkimer by walking over the unfinished bridge near that Place and got to Albany about 6 Oclk — The ride to Utica was without fire in the Cars, which lack — from the Severity of the weather in the Nig. was rather painfully indicated especially at the feet of the Passengers there being neither Straw or other non-conducting body to interpose between them & the bottom boards of the Cars — After the Change at Utica this inconvenience was at an end. — Stopped at the R. R. House in Albany and after tea went to a Temperance Meeting, of the State temperance Soc'y and heard Some good Speeches — but the annual report was so badly read that it could be understood I think by a very Small portion of the large Auditory, the Middle Dutch Church being Densely filled — On returning to my lodgings I found my friend Stephen Smith there, with whom I had a conversation at some length — He told me that the bill for renewing the Charter of the Salt Co. had passed the House of Assembly with but 2 opposing votes, and was sent up

to the Senate —
5th day 10th Rose early and spent some time in writing — expecting to have breakfast before Crossing the river to take the Cars for Boston, but the family were not in seasonable preparation though I had ordered breakfast in the eve — and I was hastened off to save my passage across the river in the Steam boat — There was a considerable running ice — left Greenbush about 7 Oclk and went on with the usual travelling incidents — of stopping to take & leave passengers, get water & refreshments &c — arrived in Boston about 6 Oclk — and took lodgings at the N. S. Hotel adjacent to the Depot — a very large and apparently very complete establishment — On arrival I took the benefit of a bath for which I was well prepared by a week's travelling and after arranging my toilet — went in quest of the Temp.ce Book Store — found it closed, and then called at my new Nephew Alanson Tucker's — I found them at 9 Oclk on the point of going out to a party — Greeted and took my leave of them — And learning that my bro.r W.m & wife were in Town I went to the Tremont House to see them. but they were not within — returned then to the N. S. and retired after a light supper having dispensed with the prov.l meal

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6th day 11th Left Boston at 8 Oclk in the N.B. & Prov.ce train, first writing a note to C. Crosby Esqr. — Saw no one whom I knew till we reached Foxboro' when I saw Mr. Hatch of the N.B. & Boston Express who gave me this days Mercury — and informed me of the illness of Wm. H. Swain which was severe in its attack but he was better this mg — On reaching Taunton saw A.H. Leabury & N. Angier in the Car — the former from Newyork the latter from his home in Attleboro to spend a day at his Mother in Law's where his wife & children are on a visit — Got home at the usual hour (11 Oclk) and had the happiness to find our friends and family well, except colds with which Ma & Hen. H. & some of the Children are troubled — I find that I have also contracted a cold on my journey, and as my notes made in my absence were imperfect, and had to be re-written, or lost which would make a blank in my Diary. I spent most of the day in recording the incidents of my late journey — called towards eng. with my little Ellen at Mothers — found her on a visit at Sister Emma's & then stopped in returning at C.W. Morgans. — Ch.s being absent from home having been to Chel.m &c — Eve employed in writing —

7th day 12th — Feeling my cold & other oppressions I remained at home all day — principally occupied in writing up my notes of our late journey — & in looking over the Papers of this day from Boston —

1st day 13th Being yet rather too much unwell to go to Mg — I spent the day at home: principally in Read^g. Douglas' Institutes of Religion — A Roberson and his niece Catharine Lea who returned from Boston yesterday — Benj^a. S. Rotch also called before tea — from him we learned that Wm W. Swain continues without amendment and that a locomotive engine had been despatched to Boston for Medical assistance — which has an alarming indication

2d day 14th Called to see C. H. Morgan and then to the bank, mothers and Cg House where I was engaged through the day — on returning home to tea found my nephew Thos R. Fisher here he came from Phila with C. H. Morgan — he spent the former part of the Ev^g. with us — and then went to join a Party ~~this~~ at my bro^r. Williams — Our Mary was there also going and returning at late hours

3d day 15th Morning at home, and all day at the Cg House — as the air was keen, and I have a little fever hanging about me, I sent for

my dinner to be brought to the Store to avoid the exposure of the walk home & back — took the Lyceum in my way home at Eve — and heard a very eloquent Lecture on the life & genious of Robert Burns from the Rev. M. Giles — Mary took tea at her Grand mothers and went to the lecture with her aunt Elvira —

4th day 16th Occupied at the Cg. House & Cg. at home

5th day 17th Attended the Bk directors Mtg — and spent the day in Cg. House occupations & dined at mothers to save the walk &c on acct. of my Cold being a little better

6th day 18th Engaged in attention to my business at the Cg. House &c did my letters to the Ovn Cy

7th day 19 — Detained at home partly by rain most of the morng — made a Call at Wm. & Chs. Cg. Houses — and Afternoon at Uncle Wms Office to meet Stephan Smith on the Onondaga Salt Cg. concern — Evg. at home

1st 20th Went to Friends Meeting in the forenoon — after dinner called at several places to deliver Temp.ce papers having sent a supply to the Sabbath Schools in the morng — Went with R. Luscombs family to the Mtg. of the Eden St. Methodist Soc.y to hear

James Butler who preached there, having never heard him — Eve. with my daughter Mary at the Episcopal Church —

2. day 21st. Attended to business at Bank & Mill — had Stephen Smith of Syracuse to dinner and in the afternoon was at Uncle Williams Office on business relating to the Onondaga Salt Co. — Eve. had the Comp'y. of Cousin Anna Rotch's family including Eliz. Angier and John Ware Guests — also the Rev. Mr. Lambert

3. day 22. — At home most of the forenoon and part of the afternoon Unw. at the Co. House — Eve. at the Lyceum Lecture which was by Mr. Dwight of Boston on Handels Messiah — Prof. Swain called in the Eve. — also Jos. Smith

4th day 23. Forenoon partly at home reading up american News — Unw. at the Bank in relation to the Salt Co. and at Stephen Smiths lodgings making transfers &c — latter part of the afternoon at the Co. House, partially extended into the ev. — called at Robesons and stopped to write a letter on my way home — Mrs. Chew & sister & daughter at the ev. Service at the Episcopal Ch.

5th. Day 24th. Attended to Co. House duties &c through the day — ev. at home — had expected to go to Bakhams Concert — but he did not get in Town from some Cause and many including my daughter Mary were disappointed

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6th day 25th. Spent the day in ready the papers &c & in Cg. House duties — Brother & Sister Calder took tea with us — Mary by a previous engagement at Geo Randall's was deprived of their Comp. in great measure — She was also disappointed at the unexpected occurrence of Brahams concert this ev.

7th day Engaged about my affairs at home & at the Cg. House &c — ev. at home

1st day 27th Attended Friends Meetings AM & PM — and in the ev. went to the Mg. of the Wash. T. A. Soc. at their Hall — The Rev. Mr. Mudge made the prayers and gave out the hymns (Temp.) the address was by Whiting and very good — mother & Sister & several of the Children were at the ev. Service at Grace Church

2. day 28th This day has been almost wholly devoted to the Temperance Cause visiting the dram shops police Court Wash. &c &c — had a call from Mrs. Fitzgerald one of the deep Sufferers from intemperance in a husband, her son went with me to two places where the maddening beverage had been supplied — Ev. at home, read part of Macaulay's Review of Hampden — &c

3d day 3d mo. 1 — Gave some time to the Temp.ce Cause rem.r of the day, to my own business — partly at A Roberson's C. House & the rest at my own — Eve.g at the Lyceum Lecture — which was given by Chs Peabody On China, it was very interesting and contained much information for me and I presume most of the Audience

4th Day 2d — Walked before breakfast to Jos. Congdon's to supply some omissions in my Meteorological notes — Spent the forenoon principally in making enquiries as one of the Executive Com.e of the Temperance board — in the afternoon went to the funeral of Eliza Grinnell the weather being damp & rainy availed of seats in Mothers Carriage — the Service consisted of two Prayers, one by the Rev Mr Lord of the Methodist Society of which E.G. was a member the other by Mr Morrison whose long residence in her uncle W.W. Swains' family had made them intimately acquainted and mutually attached — the interment took place in the Rural Cemetery — The rem.r of the afternoon I devoted to the Temp.ce Cause — & in the e.g. went with ma Chew Mary to the lecture at Grace Church — C. Randell & A Roberson called, the latter to enquire about getting Stones for his house from my Fall River land — which he proposes

to have built during his contemplated
voyage and travels in Europe
5th day 3d — Devoted most of the day to
the Temperance Cause, seeking testi-
mony &c — part of the afternoon
at the Cg. House — walked before break-
fast to Jo. Congdons to supply some
omissions in my notes of the weather last
month — Had the company of my nephew
Thos. R. Robeson & Jas. S. to tea himself excepted
— I was obliged to attend a meetg.
of the Temp.ce Comtee after tea, which
occupied probably 3/4 of an hour — on
returning found both Thos. & his bro.
Andrew here — Martha Wayland & Cath-
arine Lea with Sybel were the Ladies —
6th day 4th Devoted most of this day also
to the Temp.ce Cause — three Cases were
tried two were convicted and one by
a mistake in the Complaint & the ab-
sence of the material witness was
defeated — Latter part of the afty-
noon at the Cg. House. Wg. at home
with Mrs Chew & — Sister Mary being
at the wg. lecture at Grace Church
Friends &c D. Reads and Sue at her
uncle Williams at a party for little
Rebecca Morgan —
7th day 5th Most of this forenoon was
devoted to the Temp.ce Cause or rather

part of the afternoon — Robert Taber or his Bar Keeper Tribon both convicted of Selling and fined — Mrs. H. the day at the C.J. House Evg at home —

1st. July 6th Attended Meeting forenoon & afternoon at Friends Worship & Worship — and in the Evg went to the Meeting at Wash.n Hall — which was interesting though not so fully attended as usual on acct. of the unpleasant weather — called after it closed viz about 9 O'Clk. at S. Robesons to see Martha & Mr. Tucker from Boston — saw also again for a moment and for who expects to sail for England on the 8th Inst. —

2. day 7th Attended the Bank Directors Meeting — gave some attention to the Temperance Cause — and to C.J. House duties had some time after dinner and finished the afternoon at the C.J House. Evg. at home, read to the family from Macaulays Essays — called as mother before dinner to consult relative to a general alteration & enlargement of her old house.

3. day 8th Attended to my concerns at the C.J. House & through the day — and in the Evg attended the Lyceum Meeting and heard a very interesting Lecture from Wm B. Fowle of Boston on Geology. After

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returning home had a call from my cousin James Arnold in relation to the Onondaga Salt Co. & the proposed Buffalo transaction to secure a debt due to Comp.y — It was proposed to have a meeting of Co. Comp.y tomorrow at 9 Oclk — 4th day 9th I gave notice to my bro.s Wm. & Ch.s of s.d meeting — and it was held accordingly — The individuals excepting myself were opposed to proceeding in the negociation on the modified terms proposed by Stephen Smith — and the subject was abandoned, and with it the debt which it was proposed to secure — I occupied myself for the remainder of the day with my Co. House duties — making some extra exertion with reference to a plan of my own of Stepping into the position with reference to the Salt debt and Buffalo transaction which the company had abandoned — I called with reference to it on my Uncle William Pott Jr — and on James Arnold to see if I could arrange with them for the use for a short time of the funds which they had provided for their proportions of the advance required for s.d operation — from my Uncle I obtained some encouragement but J. had already otherwise appropriated his — I called also to see C.W. Norman & Co. to consult with him on my plan — but did not find him at home

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Rose early and made a very early call at Chs. H. Morgan's to see and consult him with reference to my plan of going again to Syracuse & perhaps to Buffalo to see on my own account if something might not be done in the matter which the Proprietors of the Salt Company resident here had declined in the consultation on the subject yesterday — learned from the family whom I found on the occasion from their morning devotions that he was watching with William H. Swain — after some delay in my caution not to disturb the patient or the family I gained an interview with C. H. M — stated my plan — and he approved it as worth moving in — I therefore called at my Uncle Wm Potts's and procured from him the aid which had given me some reason to expect — went home to prepare for the journey — Found that mother H. was not

willing that I should go so suddenly and not feeling disposed to go without her consent — the time passed by for the Hart. of the early train — after breakfast I went to consult my brother William — who coincided with me in view of the project — and therefore having found the assent of those nearer to me I made preparation for the afternoon Cars — and left at 2¼ O Clk for Boston — found several of my acquaintances on the road — and got in good season to the Marlborough House — Lyc. N. Baker also took lodging there — I lost no time in taking measures to prepare myself for my object at the West. This was somewhat embarassing as the business day had already passed — However by calling at the House of J.E. Thayer I was enabled to find him — and he showed very disposition to forward my wishes tho' I found it could not be done quite as I had anticipated — I met him at his house

by appointment at 8 O'clk and arranged the business — wrote a letter home at my lodgings and retired. —

6th Day 11th Left the Marlborough after breakfast and took the Cars for Albany at 7 O'clk — the weather Cloudy & snowing slightly which continued most of the day — it did not accumulate as the temperature was above the freezing point till we had passed the Connecticut River — at Springfield there was little or no appearance of it — but on getting into the mountainous region west of that River the hills assumed a whitened aspect — and the ground was covered with a thin coat as Albany the Temp.re being quite cold as we crossed the Hudson indicating a pretty cold night — we did not get set down at Albany till some time after 8 O'clk. being about an hour later than usual owing to some detention for the Eastern train to Pittsfield — and to the softened state of the roads which made it necessary

to go cautiously especially over the 14 miles of the Hudson & Berkshire Rail Road which the route includes — I got to Hills Temperance House Broadway as soon as circumstances would permit — The carriage in which I attempted to ride from the ferry have given out on the way — I went immediately in quest of the gentlemen whom I had occasion to see — under the escort of a little dutch boy whom I found at the Hotel as a guide — After sundry enquiries I ascertained that three of the men whom I wished to consult were absent from the City and the other sick — by this time the day was about spent & I returned took a few crackers and retired

7th day 12th Took an early breakfast at the Temp.ce House and repaired to the R.R. Depot and took a seat for Syracuse — went pleasantly on with only the ordinary incident — and I only left my seat on the change of Cars at Schenectady till we arrived at Utica — where a stop of an hour gave an opportunity to dine

Reached Syracuse about 7 OClock and while the Cars stopped I ran to Stephen Smiths House to ascertain if he was in Town and

learned that I had passed him in Albany took lodgings at the Mansion house & on consultation with Wm Russell in the ev'g — I concluded to go to Utica in the early cars to morrow so as to meet him there if he should be returning on that day — I therefore despatched a hasty letter to my wife and retired.

1st day 13th Took the Cars for Utica at 5 O' clock — met the Western night train at Oneida and ascertained the S. Smiths were not in them — arrived at Utica at about 8½ O'Clk — went to meeting with Mr. Churchill the keeper of Baggs Hotel to the Congregational Church in G St — The sermon was by an agent of the board of Foreign Missions to obtain an annual contribution to aid the funds of the Board to enable them to push on their enterprise among the heathen in foreign lands — But he omitted to say anything about the 2½ or 3 millions of heathen in our own land — as it appeared to me rather an important omission

at the close of the meeting I walked a little about the Town — and after a very light dinner on the arrival of the Cars from Albany I went to the depot — and there found among the passengers Stephen & Isaac Smith — They were on their return from Albany having got Jas. Arnold's letter declining further action in the premises, forwarded from Syracuse — and being unable otherwise to raise the funds required for their object, they had abandoned the attempt and were returning under a feeling of disappointment at the failure of a plan important to Stephen's interests, aside from the security which they had hoped to effect through the aid of the Salt Co — for the 12000 due the said Comp[y] from J. S. Smith — After stating to them the object which I had come for — the business was talked over and my proposition readily acceded to. They therefore decided to stop at Utica and return with me to [illegible] by the W. train from the West — to make all due enquiries and proceed in carrying the Plan into effect if no impediment should occur on making the investigation

— Spent the afternoon except the time occupied in a short walk in the town with Isaac as Cicerone, with them at the Hotel — and at 7 O'clk set forward as we had proposed —

2d day 14th — We continued our progress in a pretty comfortable and agreeable manner considering the circumstances of a night journey — and arr at Albany about 5h O'clk this morng — went with the Smiths to their Qrs quarters which they had just left at the American Hotel — made the requisite arrangements of the toilet and after breakfast went with J. S. S. to consult a lawyer (Stewart Gaggie) on the points which the plan of my becoming the owner of the Steele at Buffalo presented — and after gaining such information and advice as [illegible] attainable, at Albany — I felt warranted by that which J. S. S. could supply from his own researches & previous knowledge of the facts involved in the case to go forward, and the Am: was pd over to enable S. S. to take his measures to gain the title to S. property

after coming to this conclusion I returned to the Hotel — and while the others went to complete their arrangements and negociation with the City Bank I refreshed myself with a nap upon the Sofa — after an hour or two they returned all having been effected here to satisfaction — I then went with J.S.S. to see the public buildings and Offices including the Legislative body now in Session — at the Capitol — The "Assembly" consists of 128 & the Senate of 32 members — nothing very interesting to a Stranger appeared to be under consideration — The City & State Offices appear to be very well arranged and substantially built with in a liberal and tasteful Style of Architecture — There are numerous Splendid Private Mansions and several very Creditable institution for the Education of the Children of both Sexes — Time did not admit of a very extended examination neither was I in a situation to avail of all that I had for observation abroad

— the expectation of spending the night & probably that succeeding in the Cars for the West indicated the propriety of preparing for it by some preliminary repose — acceding therefore I took a siesta which was very grateful — after waking — I wrote a letter to Ma chere H — to inform her and others of my movements — then took supper and soon after took our departure for the Rail Road Depot — Stevens in the Cars about 7 O'clk — and went on with the usual incidents of the route and reached Syracuse about 7 Oclk — having stopped an hour & a half at Utica, where I caught a refreshing nap of about an hour — at Syracuse my companions went to Stephens house to breakfast and I took mine at the Mansion House, where I before spent the night — and had revealed by the light of Day — the character of the house which the shades of ev. & morning afforded me only presumptive evidence — it is only 3 or 4th rate and I shall not wish to seek accommodations there again. — after making a hurried breakfast, I wrote a letter to my

brother in law Jn.° Barrow at Skaneateles to apprise him of my expectation of Calling upon them on my return from Buffalo — to forward at the junction of the Sk.° branch R. Road — we stopped at Auburn and Sundry other intermediate points and Canandaigua — and finished the days journey at Rochester about 4 1/2 Oclk P.M. — used an hour in walking round the Town and to see the Splendid new acqueduct for the enlarged Canal across the Genesee River — and the Falls just below the Town which in consequence of the full state of the River are now a Grand Object of interest the perpendicular Cataract is about 80 ft and the width probably 100 yards — The wind being fresh Sat North carried a drizzling rain for some distance above the Falls spreading laterally on both sides of the Banks adjacent — It was from the Centre of this fall that the famous Sam Patch of jumping memory took his fatal leap

This town is one of the most striking evidences of the rapide increase of population and resources of the interior of this State — it being but about 30 years since its first settlement as a place of trade — and it now contains about 12000 inhabitants and many well built and spacious Stores which will bear a comparision with almost any of the older Cities on the Seaboard — Here the Smiths found Rich.d Mott Esqr & and some others of their relations or friends — — At an early hour after tea I retired to compensate as far as I might be by a long night for the curtailment of my usual quantum of sleep which I have been subjected to by the night riding which I have had

4.th day 16.th Rose much refreshed with a good nights rest — took breakfast and remained at the Hotel "The Eagle" till the time of Starting for the Western Cars — The Smiths having gone thither before me to meet probably in part their friends before mentioned or some of them — by my remaining behind I was able to correct a mistake which had occurred by

putting our baggage into the wagon which was to take the luggage of the passengers in the Eastern Cars — which went at an earlier hour — On getting to the Depot time also permitting I. S. S. to recover his overcoat which as I did not recognize it with the other baggage had been sent to the wrong point — We moved forward about ¾ before 9 in the Cars for Batavia — which we reached without any unusual incident about 12 O'Clock — Here were the Offices of the agents of the Holland Land Compy. — and where some attempt was made by the debtors of the Compy. or a large number of them to burn the records — They were prevented from accomplishing their design by the Civil authority aided by a military force — and a wise forbearance on the part of the Compy. in selling over again to the occupants the land for which they were indebted with the interest to a much larger amount at the then current value per acre — terminated all the difficulties between the parties. Since which I understand that the Compy. have closed their concerns in this State by selling

the balance of their large territory to Capitalists in large tracts. — The disturbances to which I have alluded took place but a few years ago — On reaching this point which is the termination of the Rail road — we were transferred to a Stage and our Snail like progress through the deep mud towards Buffalo commenced — the distance being about 40 miles and requiring about 14 hours to accomplish it — This road at the breaking up of the frost in the Spring has been noted for its bad State — requiring great caution to prevent accidents — and permitting only a speed of about 2 miles per hour without risk of serious injury — By conversation &c we do beguiled the time that we arrived at the dining house without any great tax upon our Patience at 5 Oclk. 13. miles — but we here felt a little disturbed at the information that we should be delayed while the family prepared the meal, as well as while we disposed of it — However we were too much of philosophers to be long disturbed at this — and we parted from

Our landlord about 6 Oclk prepared by a very satisfactory meal to encounter the remaining difficulties of our journey — the next preceeding four miles being all that remained of a very dangerous character — dangerous from the liability of being turned over in the mud — this part of the distance was successfully accomplished, after one or two lurches so deep as to throw the whole weight on the leeward wheels — the deep mud however into which these had sunk, by its resistance to the lateral pressure, effectually prevented our being over set. We reached Buffalo about 2 Oclk — I was set down at the 'American' my companions, at their home & at S. W. Haines respectively.

5th day 17th. By agreement I remained rather quiet at the Hotel during the forenoon, leaving the others to see after the business on which we were come and advise me of the prospect when ascertained — Occupied the time in writing up my journal &c — till about 11 Oclk. when they called and informed me of the state of things — The order from the Officers of the City Bk

Albany were met with due respect and the money would be ready in Coin if need ed to satisfy the judgment of the Hartford Bank — But the President of this Bank was in town prepared to redeem on their judgment — and by arrangement they were to have a conference on the subject before noon — the Smiths therefore soon left me to meet their appointment with Mr — Beach at the Office of the Lynnon Ho — and after finishing my writing I took a short walk to the foot of Main Street before Dinner — after Dinner I took a walk through the western part of the City to the beach — and followed the hither side of the Creek through the seat of business at the wharves — Stopped at Charles Howlands Store in the building which I have come to redeem — here I found Capt. Wm Harkins formerly of your Town and I took him with me to finish my walk and explain what as a stran-

que I might wish to know — In the course of our walk I went onboard the lake Steam boat Great Western Capt. Walker who was fitting up his boat for business She is one of the largest and finest boats on the lakes — about 750 Tons. & 200 feet long It can accommodate 500 passengers of all sorts — She has her Gent.ns Cabin & Ladies Saloon on the upper deck - Ladies Cabin on the Main deck and Steerage Cabin under the latter below the main deck. On reaching my lodgings on my return I found D. S. Smith there with a wagon to take me to tea at Sam.l W. Hamil's — I objected on acct. of writing home but he made things easy on this score by promising me the time & materials there — his wife was there — and I could not well say nay — I therefore went promptly — and after tea despatched a hasty letter — Lucy was frank & friendly & Isaac's wife — a very mild and amiable woman — exactly fitted as he says and I should think to make a good

wife for him — She is an Episcopalian and he a Sceptic — but this was well understood by both parties at the outset — and therefore each leaves the other to pursue unmolested their own views in this respect — he accompanies her to the Church door and then returns home — going again for her at its close when her accommodation from change of weather or other cause it appears necessary — They appear to be an attached and affectionate couple — In the ev. Mr. Stow the Recorder of the City and his wife — The ev passed pleasantly — but not protracted much beyond 9 — on account of the late visits of the Smiths & myself — and perhaps of the more rational habits of the new towns of this region compared with the fashions of the Atlantic Cities —

6th day 18th This day has been principally spent in examining the ware house & what property with J. S. Smith of which

I have now become the principal proprietor and in riding about with I. S. S. in a lumber wagon, the only vehicle adapted to the present State of the roads, to see the Town, or rather the City, the Queen of the Lakes and environs — The population is about 20.000 and notwithstanding the monetary difficulties of this whole Country which is felt here very severely in the prostration of all the Banks in the City, it is said that there were erected here the past season from 300 to 500 buildings — The opening of the Erie Canal which is the great thoroughfare of the produce of the extensive territory bordering on the lakes (these inland Oceans) it is said will give an animation to the business of this City which will not be surpassed by that of any place on the Atlantic Border of this Union — after our ride through the mud

& some of the secondary Streets — Main-
Street only, which is built with Substan-
tial Buildings almost entirely for the
space nearly of a mile with Stores &c
in the Basement, or 1st Story being paved,
particularly the Eastern part where the
German population are settled, and who
constitute their principal laborers. then
are inferior to the Irish in this depart-
ment and are much more numerous
they are I believe mostly Catholics
and have in an unfinished State a
very large place of Worship — proba-
bly 150 by 90 ft on the Ground, built
of Brick — The Irish Catholics have
a Chapel of their own — and are, as
I judge from their Temperance Pro-
cession (the Teetotlers) on the 17th St
Patricks Day, quite numerous.
— The day was kept by Meetings
& Processions — which paraded the Streets

with banners and music escorted by a portion of the Militia of the City & Jubilee also by a portion of the U.S. Soldiers from the Barracks — This mode of Celebrating the day, is in strong contrast with the Drunken Revels with which it has too generally been dishonored, and is one of the proofs of the Temperance Reformation which marks the advance of Civilization in its truest sense which is now diffusing unequalled Blessings through this Country — and which I hope is the commencement of a new and brighter era in the History not only of all Christian Nations but of the World — for which alas, there has been and still exists a most melancholly necessity.

The Germans are said to be of a better class than the Irish — Equally industrious and more pacific

in their dispositions, less prone to hostile excitements and tumultuous broils — but if the demoniac Spirit of Intemperance shall be successfully exorcised, of which there is at least now a happy prospect — this unmanly trait of Irish Character will be greatly abated if not eradicated altogether.

My Fd. Isaac took to his boarding house Mrs Kimberly's to dine — and after dinner we started again in our vehicle for which we were indebted to the kindness of Sam'l W. Hawes, for Black Rock harbor 4c about 3 miles distant — The harbor is formed by a pier or dam extending from Squaw Island at Black Rock from one to two miles to another small Island, nearly parallel with the eastern Shore of the Niagara river — here is created an extensive Water power the river falling about 4 or 5 ft. in this distance — The current between

Buffalo Harbor & this is quite rapid so as to make it inconvenient for Sailing vessels — and though the harbor thus formed is Spacious — and by a great expenditure in addition to what has been done by the State — may possibly be made more safe and convenient — yet the City being at Buffalo and that harbor being susceptible of enlargement — at much less expense than the necessary improvements at Black Rock — It must continue to be the seat of the business of this locality for ages to come — Here are several mill Suits to which I. S. Smith has a Claim — but encumbered by Chancery Suits — this claim now vests in Stephen under the judgment redemption consummated yesterday — and I have hope may ultimately prove available to his full indemnity for his liabilities for his brother — On returning from Black Rock — Isaac took me to

~~the U. S. Barracks~~
the U. S. Barracks — and we looked into the Soldiers apartments — which were more comfortable in appearance — and accommodations than I had expected — The men are obliged to keep themselves and their apartments and furniture equipments &c in a very neat and clean condition. one of the best if not the only good thing about the establishment — So that to the eye they present rather a respectable appearance as well from this cause as from the restriction in regard to Alcoholic liquors which are rigidly enforced — Their Martial exercises which are daily & which are repeated regularly twice a day — are performed in full uniform dress even to white gloves — and with a full band of music — was gone through with great precision — and regularity —

We returned at the close of the day to Isaacs lodgings — a little quickened by threatenings of a thunder shower — There was Stephen also — and the ev. was passed

in arranging our business — preparatory to Stephens leaving this evg. at 9 Oclock for Syracuse and my departure tomorrow at 9 AM towards my home via Niagara Falls &c —

7th. day 19th. After writing a letter to my family and calling at the Post Office with it and to enquire again there for letters from home (in which I was unsuccessful) called at one or two other places on my way and after breakfast cleared my acct. with the American and despatched my baggage to the Rail Road Car for Niagara Falls — I called at the Clerk's Office for the "Search" which I had requested to be made into the County Registry relative to the title of the lot which is to be vested in me for the Money advanced & debt which was abandoned by the Salt Co., but found that it was not completed — I then proceeded to the Cars and after arrang-

ing done business with I. S. Smith, I was
soon on my way — Isaac first introduc-
ing me to Gen. Whitney, who lives at
the Falls and has the largest Public
House there (but not now open for Com-
pany) and one or two other gentlemen
of his acquaintance — reached the Falls'
(24 miles) by horse Power about 10 Oclk.
having Started a little after 9. Took lodging
at the "Eagle" and after dinner Started with
a Guide a young man Step Son named Al-
drich of Mr. Hooker who by his Card which
he presented me Styles himself the "Oldest &
first Guide to the Falls" — We first made the
Circuit of "This Island" crossing a bridge over
the rapids — beginning by directing our
steps to the right after leaving the bridge
which soon brought us to the margin of the
American Falls' thence winding our way
round to the left near the margin of the
Island to the tower situated on the rock &
near the margin of the torrent which
rolls from its curved outline into the
river below the perpendicular fall be-
ing about 150 feet — that on the Am. side

being a little greater but the volume of water much less — after completing the Circuit of the Island which presents interesting views of the Rapids above Falls on each side. I continued my walk on the Am. Shore or Bank down the River as far as the whirlpool probably about three miles from the starting Point — which gave me very interesting views of the rapids below — The Sights & Scenery — are of the grandest character — and excepting the absence of the thundering roar which I had anticipated — my expectations were well realized — I did not cross to the Canada Side — The bridge of Ice which formed the mode of Communication was very thick and extending with one break of a recent occurrence for about 2 miles down the river — I thought might be a treacherous path very after so long a continuance of comparatively mild weather — and even a small risk will not be justifiable after the very Satisfactory views which

had already enjoyed — The day closed in as I got back to my Starting point and I Spent the ev.g in looking over the papers. — In the course of it I had an opportunity of Seeing Alexander McLeod. made famous by his long confinement and trial in the Courts of this State on the Charge of his participation in the attack and destruction of the Steamer Caroline at the port of Schlosser during the rebellion in Canada of 1839 —

1st Day 20th Rose pretty early and took another Circuit of Iris Island — and viewed again the Falls & rapids from the various points, which that walk presented — At 11 Oclk I went to the little Congregational Mg. of the place — the Services were Satisfactory and of a good practical Character — after meeting I took a walk of about a mile up Stream by the rapids and then returned to the tavern to dine and leave in the Car (drawn at this Season of the year by horses) for Lockport. Set off in the Car about 2 Oclk and arr.d at Lock-

post about 6 — after tea I walked till the time of the Eve'g Services at the Churches and then took a Seat in the Congregational Ch[h] — and heard a very dry & to my apprehension a very unsound Sermon on "total depravity" — The Speaker was apparently a Stranger — but the Settled Minister (as I took him to be) after the first had finished rose and fully endorsed the doctrine, — going somewhat into detail in illustration and confirmation of its truth, in a manner that evinced the greatest sincerity, by the Sorrowful example of an amiable and respectable young woman whom was near the close of her life, without having experienced Religion, as the Speaker is — but who was offended when at the instance of her friends, it fell to his lot to Speak to her on the Subject — and to hold up to her view the hatred which in her State of natural depravity She must have for her heavenly Father. — She denied that She had any such feeling and not long after died — his tone and manner Showed the depth of his pastoral Commission

but at the same time to my apprehension it indicated on his part a mistaken zeal.

2. day 21st Left Lockport after having examined the work going on for the new Locks and the enlargement of the Canal — they are to be double — One set is nearly completed and this only will be in use the Coming Season — it will be a very fine and permanent piece of Masonry — and taken breakfast set off by Stage for Rochester a distance of about 60 miles principally over what is called the Ridge Road — a Strip of land elevated above that adjacent on either side. which is supposed to have formed and to have been raised by the Shore of Lake Ontario in some remote period — from which the Shore by the subsiding of the Waters has receded many miles — The elevation and perhaps the more Sandy character of the Soil — makes this the best road in this Country in the Spring — and presents a strong contrast with the Batavia & Buffalo Road over which I had recently travelled — We went on in an agreeable manner with pleasant accidental companions — who all seemed disposed to make the best of our transient acquaintanceship and arrived at Rochester about 6 Oclk —

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We drove in J. to the R. Road Depot & deposited the baggage of those going on in that way direct, of which I was one — I called at a Shop or two for Letters work in England — with a view of leaving it as my Bro: in law John Barrow of Skeneateles, if on examination I should think it suitable, where I expected to be to-morrow forenoon — We set off in the Cars about 6 Oclk — and I found Francis Macy formerly of Nantucket who married Phebe Hussey formerly of New Bedford was a passenger also — Went on with the usual Stops and quite comfortably till we arrived at Auburn — there Started again and proceeded about 7 miles to the junction of the Skeneateles R. Road — where I was left by the train at about 3 Oclk of 3d day 21st — But I found to my disappointment that the horse Car from the Village was not there — After a considerable Knocking I succeeded in gaining admittance to the small House erected for the Shelter of Passengers — and a fire being made I spent the time till my principally in looking over Letters work — which appears by the freedom of its strictures handy suitable for the purpose proposed —

after taking a simple breakfast, as there was no private conveyance to be conveniently had I set off in the snow which was falling and which covered the moisture and clayey surface about 2 inches to walk toward the Village on the R. R. Track, and prepare to continue, relinquish the attempt or endeavor to get a horse on the way as circumstances might dictate — I got on slowly and with out much fatigue arrived at the Lake House in the Village and there procured a horse and rode the other mile to Br. Johns — found them pretty well and expecting to see me — Passed the time allotted for this visit — and left them 1/2 after dinner to take the downward Car to the Junction — I saw Br. Jn.o under similar unfavorable circumstances as at my former visit viz in a snow Storm though now of a milder Character — The walk up the R. Road however satisfied me that it must be a very pleasant Country in Summer, though the muddy State of the road & earth in the Spring as it was on both my visits must be a great inconvenience — Arrived at the Car — and junction seasonably, and

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after a slight detention for the arrival of the Steam train from Auburn, took my Seat in the Cars and was at Syracuse about 4 h Oclk — after tea called at Stephen Smith's — and arranged my business with him — took leave and retired early to proceed on my way at 5 Oclk in the morning —

4th day 13 — Started from Syracuse at the hour proposed — and came on pleasantly with agreeable company in the Cars, and arr. at Albany at 3 1/2 Oclk — took lodgings at Hill Temp.ce House — called at the City Bank and found that it was uncertain whether the Papers relating to the Buffalo Property could be completed before the regular meeting of the Directors on the day after to-morrow. — Walked about the City Pier and also to the inclined plane of the R. Road, the rope having broke to day and let down a train with great speed but with no injury to the Passengers or Passenger Cars, but the Counterbalancing Stone Cars were thrown off the track and and somewhat injured — endeavored to understand the manner in which the Steam power is applied but

was unable to satisfy myself fully — returned to the City by a short but very muddy road — and after tea spent the time in reading the Anti Slavery Standard &c —

5th Day 24th — This day I am 50 years old — I have lived therefore during a period much beyond the average life of man. would that it had been more fruitfully spent — but I have even been condemned not to let it pass wholly away — that a more devoted attention to its great Objects might have produced worthier results is not to be doubted — it is nevertheless cause of gratitude that a kind Providence has so blessed my endeavors and so cast my lot that I have less occasion for self reproach and unavailing regrets than might have been the case — May I be more & more solicitous to improve wisely the few remaining days or years which may be allotted me — A rather uncomfortable night from a paucity of bed furniture of which I was not at first aware leaves me with a cold this morning — after breakfast took a short walk to see the house of the sons of the late Patroon, Stephen Van Rensalaer — the old mansion and the residence of the eldest son are in

the City, and through spacious quite modest in the Style of Architecture — but the new House of another Son which shows itself in the distance on the rising ground beyond the River has a magnificent appearance — Called at 10 O'clk at the City Bk and found that the Directors board had not been together and would not be till the regular M.G. to-morrow — I then called at Dwight & Martins att.ys for the Bank and ascertained that they had the right idea of what was required, and I was assured that all would be correctly done. I therefore concluded to accept of the offer of the Cashier, Watts Sherman to transmit the papers by Mail to Stephen Smith immediately on their completion and leave in the train at 1 O'clk for home — which I accordingly did — after an agreeable ride at at Springfield about 6 ½ or 7 O'clk found very comfortable quarters at Warriners, and a table rarely equalled in a private family for the neatness, and neatness, bounty and variety with which it was spread — found one of my fellow passengers there who I afterward ascertained was Mr. Hoppin of Providence — Spent the eve in writing up my diary and in beginning a letter to my Son Thomas

one of the Passengers who got out at Westfield had made a journey to Albany under sorrowful circumstances — his name is Atkins and a man of respectability in his Town — his Son a young man of 21 years old left home a few days since for Albany to prosecute a law suit for damage done to his Wagon on the road some time before by a Stage driving into it — he was at his Lawyer's Office in Albº on the afternoon of the 17th inst — and at his suggestion went out to a Stable to identify the Driver and horses which did the injury — he has not since been traced — and his father who was written to on the subject was now returning from a fruitless search and enquiry, with the full conviction that his Son has been murdered — as he was a young man of correct Moral habits not at all addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors 6th day 25th Left Springfield after an excellent breakfast about ¼ before 7 and arr. in Boston at 12 — I took my trunk to the Marlborough hotel — as a central point for some errands I wished to make the weather being Snowy and uncomfortable — made a call in State Street & Cornhill and left for home in the Cars at 4 Oclk — and found my Son Frs. at

the Depot to take me home which I soon reached and had the happiness to find all well — Thanks to a kind Providence who has thus shielded us from evil during our Separation by his protecting arm —

7th day 26th — Made sundry calls on my relations and Spent the remainder of the day principally at the Q. House in the evg. called to See my Uncle William. who aided me with part of the means for Buffalo Operation. found him and aunt L. well — Called also at C.M. Morgan's

1st day 27 — Attended meetings at Friends place of Worship — and made a visit to Wm Wilbur to Show him a copy of Dr Sewells drawings of the human Stomach diseased by Alcoholic drinks — he has been intemperate Since I have been absent — my brothers — and Sisters Sarah & Rebecca Called

2d day 28th — Attended the Bank Directors mg — and devoted myself to Q. House duties — evg. at home and read Socially from Lyttletons History of England

3d day 29 — Spent the forenoon at the Q. House after taking considerable time in arranging for the distribution of the

Temp[e] Quarterly visitor generally a-
mong our inhabitants — On going to
the C. House in the afternoon I found
my Friend Ab[m] Sherman there on
the subject of my Complaint against
Geo. Howland — he had written a memo
of what George was willing to do, or w[d]
consent that I should do, on certain
conditions — ~~which were~~ in relation to
my Crossing his lot to gain access to
my wharf from Water St — The condi-
tion are unreasonable or inadmissible
as is shown by my letter to the Over-
Seers of this date — I find on recur-
ring to my early daily notes that I am
under no obligation to Comply with his re-
quest that I shall remove My Shop
from its present Seite — to accommodate
the extension of his wall, which I never
authorised him to place in its present
position which is on my land by all that
he Claims — See Diary No. 1. 1st page 12/15.1821
4th day 30th Made a Call on A. Sherman
at his room to Show him my Short note
which fixed the time that my South Shop
was removed by D. Davenport — it appears
that it was 5/18.1824 — the day on which my Grand-
motha Rotch was interred — This is doubtless the
reason that I was not present and my remarks
more full — The Remark is, that D. D. moved

my South Shop about 40 feet Eastward of its former position — Mr G. H had begun his improvements and extended his wall previously below the point to which the Shop was removed, there was no danger of trespassing on his lot — and had he had any suspicion of this kind 7 or 8 years would hardly have elapsed before he let me hear of it when we have been in the habit of meeting each other very frequently on our adjoining premises — Spent the day mostly at the Cg House. Eveg at home

5th Day 31st Occupied at the Cg House in the forenoon, after attending the meeting of Bank Directors, partly with reference to the Sale of the lot we on First Street to his son which was formerly owned by Jos. Chase — Mother and Sister Eliza dined with us — the forenoon was pleasant, but in the afternoon we had a copious fall of Snow which accumulated notwithstanding the State of the earth, to the depth of about 2 inches — Remained at home in consequence the rest of the day the Therm. was considerably below freezing in the evg. When mother returned she felt some concern lest she should suffer in her health by the exposure —

6th day 4th mo 1 — Attended to business

at the Cg. Hse &c The Children very merry in playing their 1st of April Jokes — I considerably occupied with reference to the Temp.ce Question preparatory to writing the Report of the Com.e of Fifty.

7th day 2d. Considerably occupied in investigations of facts and data to to sustain the opinion which I wished to spread out in the Report which I am to write — and began to sketch it this eve.

1st day 3d. Attended meeting in the forenoon at my usual place of worship, Ma Chen H. accompanying me — We had a call from my Nephew Thomas R. Fisher — The rem.r of the day was principally spent on the Report — My late absence from home scarcely allowing me time to accomplish it —

2d day 4th Spent the day on my report except the time taken up in going several times to the Town Hall to Vote — The Whig ticket prevailed for the principal offices who were voted for on a Single ballot — — on the day a part of the eve. was consumed in assorting and determining the vote — finished the Report and sent it to my Colleagues for their examination

3d day 5th Went to market before

breakfast — expecting mothers Guests Thos. R. Fisher & Violetta and Mary Ruggles to dine with us — called in g. after breakf. to ask Thos. W. Morgan and bro: Charles to be of the party — but they declined — Most of the forenoon at the Town meeting — presented my Report which was ordered to be printed. and the consideration postponed to the adjournment — —

Our friends came as expected Thos. Craig soon after dinner to take the Cars at 3 p o'clk. for home — Went to the Depot to give a letter in Charge to T. W. M. and finished the afternoon at the Cg. Hse. — Eg. quietly on other friends including Sister Eliza who also dined with us — at home — had the weather been fine we anticipated the Company of mother also — Mary Ruggles appeared to enjoy very much the Compy. and frolic of the 3 younger Children —

14th day 6th Spent the Mg. and most of the forenoon at home read p. the news of which my late journey & recent engagements had robbed me in arrear, at the Cg. House before dinner and in the afternoon engaged in writing up the books of the "Estate" at home, till

about Sunset when I went to close the Cg. Room and put away my books for the night as usual in the Chest at D. Farmers — Eveg at home having the company of my Bro: Wm's family to tea viz. Mrs. Anna Motley & our niece Anna who is on a visit from Hale River

5th Da. 7th — Attended the 1st part of the Quarterly meeting and heard a very good practical gratuitous Sermon from and an excellent prayer from his wife — revised and corrected my Temp.ce Report for the Press — did some work at the Cg. House relating to the "Estate" called at Mothers and found her quite alone at tea — Sister E. Violetta & Mary being at my Cousin Lydia Russells where Mother & I have been also except for the unpleasant weather.

after tea I went to hear a Lecture on the threatened war with Great Britain from Mr. Beckwith the Agt. of the Peace Society — Could his Statements be brot home to the calm reflection of every man in both nations there would be no danger of their committing such wickedness and folly. The audience was very small in part probably in consequence of the unpleasant weather — He is so powerful a Speaker as his theme would well sustain, — if indeed there is any human being capable of adequately setting it forth.

6th day 8 At home before breakfast and occupied at the C.J. House most of the day C.J. at home, had the family of Lydia Russell and Eliza Mitchell & her Son to tea &c — Mary being engaged at her uncle Wm's in the eve. excused herself from our friends — W. Brown called in the eve — as did Thos Davis at an earlier hour with reference to his discharge from Creditors on dividing his Prop'y. among them which could not exceed 25 P. Cent — David Peirce & two of his men took the double windows from the frames, it being an easy job compared with former years when they were screwed from the outside. 7th day 9th Spent the day principally at the C.J. House — gave some attention to the emptying of the Cistpool to the cellar drain of the accumulated matter from the Sinks — the compartment above the perpendicular Stone quite clogged so that the water found vent only over the Stone — the cement being forced out — had a call from Fred'k Roberson and Chs. M. Morgan in the eve — the latter to apprise me of his financial difficulties and asking substantial aid — which at the present time is very inconvenient, if possible —

1st day 10th — Attended M.G. at Friends home
Adl. — at home the rest of the day having
slept poorly the last night from pain in my
face or tooth — in the e.g. I was home both
in with the two little girls — the others at
Grace Church &c — Robt. Swain called
but did not come in — his parents are
both much better though his father I believe
himself has not yet left his bed —
2d day 11th This being the day of the Quarterly
M.G. of the Pocasset Co. I went to Fall River
to attend it — and took my niece Mary Ruggles with me, my bro. Benj.n taking Violetta —
their visit here being finished. at Mothers &
set off at 9 1/2 & reached F. R. at 11 1/4 — occupied with the business of the meet.g till
about 4 Oclk. dined as usual at the Pocasset House — after the M.G. was over I
walked to Slades Wharf and along the Shore
of the Town as far as my Uncle Wm
Bro.s B. & Micah & then across to the house
of the latter to see my sister Lydia — whose
continues pretty good — on her two meal plan
of living — set off on our return about 6
& got home about 8 — found sister Susan and her son Wm at tea with the family
— B. came some time after having first
been home —
3d day 12 Called at C.H. Morgan's and made
ers to pay Waterspout Mill & Sachuest Farm Dis.

found C.W.M. in bed with a bad cold &c — p.d some attention to his business — by seeing Capt. Borden of F. Haven, but without success — at home C.J. Howe a Short time and at home — till towards the close of the afternoon when I rode into Dart.h to seek for some Pea sticks — and two trees for our front door — succeeded in the first object but not wholly in the second — but projected another expedition to meet Simmons Burnet who makes a business of getting trees. to-morrow — reached home about dusk and was hastened by the ringing of the bells in Town to give the alarm of fire — which arose from a building on Edwin Jones premises corner of Water & Mid. Streets and was soon extinguished — had a call from A. Robeson in the eve.g who had just returned with Sister Anna from Boston about Ch.l business —

4.th day 13 — saw C.W.M at noon gave some attention to setting out two pretty large elm trees which I bo.t of a man from Middleborough — bro: Ed.d and Sis.d from N. York — part of the afternoon at the print.g Office reading a proof sheet of my Stamp.d report &c. — at the C.J. Howe — eve.g at home — Mr Chem.th. Sister Mary. Frank & Sue at Church

5th. day 14th. Went to the Bank in the aft
— a trying opportunity — in view of the extra-
sive wants & small means — called on
C.W. Morgan — and repaired to the C.J.
House after welcoming our Sons Edd. &
Thos. who came in the R.R. Cars from
School — in good health — part of the
afternoon also at the C.J. Hse — Em. J. at
home — It is cause of thankfulness that
our dear boys are again safe with us af-
ter the separation of 7 months —
6th. day 15th. Attended to C.J. House duties &
Hall — in the afternoon train of Cars — bro.
Edmund left us to return to Newyork — and
I then attended with others as a com.ee of
the Town on one of the articles of the War-
rant for the ann.l Town Mg — This done
I went with my men a short distance
into Dartmouth to show them where I
had engaged some birches for the Pea vines
— then to finish some business at the C.J. Hse
— late at tea — all at home
7th. day Spent the Mg. till breakfast on
horseback to consult individuals proposed
to be offered as candidates for the com.ee
to suppress the illegal traffic in Sp.d liquors
— after breakfast went to the Town meet-
ing which occupied the whole day except
about 2 hours when adj.d for dinner — the
Temp. subject came on about the mid-

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dle of the afternoon or a little later & was not quite finished at the time of adjournment — T. G. Coffin did all that he could to disparage the part of Jos and to prevent further action — Rodney French did also what he could to cast reproach on the part Com.ee & some of the individuals, or one of them (myself) for partiality of action &c &c but was called to order and stopped in his course — they failed in preventing the appointment of a new Committee — and I think the Com.ee & the cause stood unscathed by their mercenary or malevolent attacks — rather later as too, having to close the Cg. room after the Town Mtg — ev. at home

1st Day 17th — Attend Friends Mtgs. with me chiefly to see Ellen & Thos. Both & with the latter P.M. — after the 2 Mtg. Called at several places — to leave Temp. papers &c — viz and J. Leonard Ellis who has recently joined the N. T. A. Soc.y — after having been a very long & very intractable subject of labor by his friends — he was overcome in a peculiar manner — the impression striking him suddenly and powerfully that he must sign the pledge — the very reluctant to do it and after striving to put it by and down it with [illegible]

pation he could not, and yielded to the great relief of his own mind and rejoicing of his family — his wife being a pious woman who has been very much troubled & distressed by his hard drinking — made a Satisfactory Call — and stopped a minute at Mr Thurs to enquire after her health on my return home — Evg. at home with the two little girls — & the others of the Fam.y as Grace Chunes &c — read after preparg. the Temp.ce papers for distribution &c through the S. Schools and Chs — in Carlyles Heroes in Hist.y — v. iz. as Paisbo a work abounding in truth and interest of thought and feeling

2d day 18th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors on C.H. Morgan's account — and spent most of the day at the Town Mg &c — where several matters of importance were acted upon viz.d.y the appointment of the Com.ee to suppress the illegal traffic in Sp.s liquors — On which occasion was taken by Rodney Frend & one other to disparage the action & the motives of the late Com.ee — at the close of the meeting I spent some time at the Cy. House — Evg at home —

3d. day 19th. Spent the day at home and at the Cy. House — in the afternoon in read.y the proceedings of the congressional Total Abstinence Society 2d — 25th &c which will I trust give

a new impulse to the Cause among the higher Circles of Society — On returning to tea found the Rev. W. Lambert here who spent the ev. with us

4th day 20th Mo. at home as usual & devoted the day principally to business at the Store & Wharf — was considerably incommoded in the forenoon by a pain in the right side of my face apparently in region of the teeth of the upper jaw. which has troubled me at intervals for the last 6 weeks — ev. at home — Fred. K. Robeson called — Sister P. and Mary Ed. & Frank were at the ev. Service at Grace Church — I gave to day to Isaac A Stackhouse of Boston who applied to me for it the unfinished Will in favor of his wife which I prepared many years since for him to complete but which was left with one of reciprocal tenor prepared for his wife to sign in his favor also unfinished in my hands — I now surrendered them both to him — it being his intention as he said to complete his own

5th day 21 Attended the Bank Directors' Meeting — had a conversation in the Street with Rodney French on the subject of his attack on me at the Town Mg. for favoritism in my dealings as one of the Temp. Loan Com. — It proved to have been based on the testimony of Dan'l. Ripley one of the Constables with

reference to Jon.a Bourne — when called upon for the names of the witnesses to substantiate the complaint — he answered vaguely and S. take any of them on County Street — without being able to say that he specified any — and it was on such grounds that French's purposes permitted him to make a public attack upon me. The other part of the story that Ripley pledged himself to pay the expense if the prosecution failed to establish the charge — of which I have no recollection — if true would have been a strange course for him to have taken with any consistency — when he refused after having two warrants against two of the most notorious dram Sellers in his ward for several weeks — to serve them but returned them to the judge alleging that some one (allusion being understood to be made to me) had spoken disrespectfully of him — which as I then & now believe was without any foundation in truth — Called about noon to see my niece Eliz.a Weld. whom I had not seen since her return from New Orleans — afternoon at the C.J. house & C.J. at home

6.th Day 22.d Attended to C.J. House duties most of the day — called to see my mother — and in the C.J. took tea at C. H. Morgans — with the family except Sue & Ellen

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7th day 23. About home most of the forenoon, near noon I went with Sam & Ellen to see a small whale of the Spermaceti Species about 15 feet long — the same which was killed by a boat from the Vineyard about 4 weeks since & brot in here — it has since been exhibited in Boston — and by some process kept from putrefaction so that it was not offensive except by the fumes of alcohol with which it was bathed — it must have been very young as the teeth did not appear and the protrusion of the jaw was not more than 12 or 15 inches. — Thence to the C.J. House — at home part of the afternoon read J.Q. Adams late speech in Congress in reply to C.J. Ingersoll, on our foreign relations — in which he treats with merited and withering rebuke & cutting sarcasm his crude and superficial observations on the Law of Nations & the consequences of a war with England — later part of the afternoon at the C.J. House took tea with my whole family at mothers — and after tea went to the organizing meeting of the Town Temperance Committee at the Office of the Institution for Savings.

1st Day 24th — Attended meetings at Friends place of Worship A.M. & P.M. with Ma chere H & the children except Mary in the

two elder boys Alle & Tho. in the afternoon
In the evening – we went to hear an Anti-
Slavery Lectue from Wendell Phillips of
Boston – which was well attended and
the address very interesting – He is a
fine Speaker and devotes the superior
powers with which he is gifted to this
great department of human Rights – I
was disappointed in not being able to
See him in private which circumstances
did not favor –
2d. day. 25th – Attended at the Bank Di-
rectors meeting – and remained there most
of the forenoon counting old notes to be burnt
in our presence – $50.0110 in nom. value were
destroyed – Spent the rem.r of the forenoon
in some enquiries into the failure of Wil-
liam H. Stowell – and to my surprise found
that he owed $175.000 and by his own estimate
his assets w.d be but $136000 – a Reproach
ful failure – for a man too who has made
a high profession of Religion which whether
designedly or not has proved a cloak to
Mislead his too credulous Creditors. – had
a call from Mr. Beckwith the Agent of the
Am.n Peace Society – but unlike my previous
habit I had to deny myself the Satisfaction
of contributing any thing in aid of the
funds for the furtherance of that most im-
portant Cause – Spent the latter

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We had Samuel Parsons of Flushing and his bride elect Susan Howland, her brother Robert, a Haverford Scholar & Elika Perry at Tea &c —

3d. day 26th Employed M.G. forenoon at home principally as Secretary of the Temp.ce Com.ee making Communications to the Chairmen of the several Sub-Committees — and in the afternoon employed at the Ch. House in similar duties — Even.g at home — Sister P. communicated to me her the State of her Religious feelings which made it her duty to join the Episcopal Church — if it had my approbation — though not what I could have desired. as I think the Standard of the clergy are far below the true Standard on some of the most important points of morals, as War & Slavery. and their articles of faith of early origin are adhered to too literally to accord with my notions of the freedom & progress of the Mind. She having found by her own experience in confirmation of her early impressions that the forms of faith and worship are to her the vehicles of the consolations of Religion in a higher degree than those in which she was educated. I have not one opposing wish or feeling. but with all fraternal affection commend her to that sure and unfailing source of Spiritual Comfort and enjoyment which

Religion alone can confer, notwithstanding it may be as it always probably must be in this State of being allied with the errors and imperfections of human nature

4th. Day 27. At the C.G. House & through the day — in much anxiety in the afternoon on acct. of Thos. & Frank Watts Mitchell & Hy. Allen being off in the Small boat — the wind being very high and flawy — for want of Sail they kept in the longest part of the returning so that they met those [illegible] with the Spray which flew over them — They left the wharf in my absence & without my knowledge, or I should have stopped them or given them such instruction as would have made the undertaking less hazardous — They returned wet and cold, and if they escape illness it will I trust have proved a useful lesson from the best if not the only teacher Experience, whose admonitions are much heeded in the hasty and confidence of youth — My personal avocations were about the same as suspended till their return — Eve at home attend Early — for which I was well prepared by the anxieties of the afternoon — Ch. Randall visited the Children in the eve — Macham H. Ed. & Mary made a visit — or call at M Roberson's to take leave of Catharine, Lee who leaves tomorrow for her own home at Rox Rem

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5th. day 28th. — Made an early call on horseback to my West lots before breakfast — Attended the Bank Directors meeting and attended afterwards to Cg. House duties — Cg at home, having the Company of the Revs. Messrs. Snow & Lambert Sister Ellen Mary Dunbar Sarah Ann Cheever and Georgiana Riddell to tea &c —

6th. day 29 Spent the day at the Cg. House &c and in the Cg attended a meeting of the 2nd Com.e for the 4th. Temperance at the house of Ch. Haffards Chairman — This duty prevented my being at the Lyceum Meetg. for the choice of Officers for the ensuing year —

7th. day 30th. Agreeably to the arrangement made last Cg I have devoted this day principally to visits to the different Shops where Spirituous liquors are vended — the particulars of which are noted in the book of Mem.a of the Temp.ce Dist. No. 4 — I devoted a little time to my Cg. House business before dinner and tea — Several of our younger children's friends visited them this afternoon &c — I have suffered considerably to day with pain in the right side of my face or teeth — and retired early. having been unable to get the aid or advice of a Surgeon Dentist. —

1st. day 5 mo. 1 Attended Meetings A.M. & P.M. at Friends house, otherwise at home except

going to the Episcopal Church at the Close of the Meeting to furnish Ed & Mary with the means of protection from the rain which came up suddenly soon after they left, with Thunder and lightning — Sister Phebe quite oppressed and confined to the nursery with a Cold attended with a cough which is very troublesome — read part of the 8 ch. in the life of Bishop Stevens — who thought a Catholic was one of the best illustrations of the Christian Spirit that has appeared in modern times

2. day 2. — Mg. as usual at home — then to the Mg. of B.K. Directors — remainder of the day devoted to business at the Office &c where I was detained till dark — after a late Supper occupied in writing in answer to intelligence from St. John. Anticipating disappointment in my money arrangements based on expectations from that quarter

3. day 3. At home in the Mg. except an errand to the Post & R.R. Office — occupied some time in writing up the books of the Estate and in examining the outstanding debts &c — then to the Cg. House, after dinner called at uncle Wm. Wm Swain & Wm. Rodman's in reference to the R.W. & Co and to get some Raspberry Bushes for Nathl Barney, and to hand a paper cont. the remonstrance of the latter with the Stockholders of the R.R. hence to Taunton on their Annual

Colored people from the best Cars
— I did not see W. W. S. he being asleep
Went from my bro. Wm with him to his
C.J. Hse and made some investigation
into the embarassing circ. between us
and the estate of Asa Howland — Home
to my own C.J House — eve at home our
sons, on visits to their young friends each
to a different one — The little girls for
the last two days have had the pleasant ex-
citement attending the giving & receiving May
baskets of flowers attended with the usual mys-
tery to heighten the zest
4th. day 4th Mg. at home Called to see
mother — and occupied the rem. of the day
at the C.J. House & till about dark, after
tea went with Col. Morgan to Williams
to confer respecting his affairs, which the
embarassed are probably not irretrievable
5th day 5th Rode before breakfast into the
Country on some business and to distri-
bute notices of the meeting of the temper-
ance Com. this eve — after breakfast
went to the Bank directors meeting then
to mothers to write to N. Barney — failed
to get the letter onboard the Steamboat — rem
of the day pm J. at the C.J House, Called
rem J. after dinner to see Wm W. Swain but
he was again asleep — Eve J. at the
Mg. of the Temp. Com.

6th day 6th Morng at home, Called after breakfast to see Wm H. Severin relative to the Potch Whf. Co. — found him in bed though he now sits up daily several hours — Then devoted the remr. of the forenoon to the Academy Mg. of Minutes & the exhibition of Comp.rs & declamation — afternoon partly at home, & remainder of the Mg after tea at the Cg House

7th day 7th Spent the Mg. partly in Catechising for the family — day at the Cg. House Aftn. Mg. called at Mothers! and on our return Stopped at C.M. Morgans to take home little Ellen — her brothers & sisters being at a party of young folks at their uncle Williams' — Wm Lambert took tea with us, and took his leave soon after — his visit was I suppose Parochial with reference to sister Phebe who I believe expects to take the Communion or the administration fit to-morrow at his Church

1st Day 8th Called at Mothers before meeting on an errand to the Post Office — Went to the Episcopal Mg in the forenoon to be present at the ceremonies attendant on the formal introduction of my sister Phebe into that Church She having had it long had it impressed on her mind as a duty to be thus united — The proceedings were Solemn and impressive. And though it was a Step which I could not advise, after I found that her mind was on mature reflection fully convinced of its pro-

society I could neither discourage it — the essence of Religion being supreme love to God & love to man giving life and energy to the principle of duty to the denial and sacrifice of inferior motives. it is of little importance with what formulas it is connected. If those of the Epi Ch. are most coincident with her feelings, more supporting and encouraging than those of Friends in which she was educated, by all means let her have the benefit of them. In this State of being the truth cannot often, if ever, be expected to be held without some error incidental to Human infirmity. but if the former is held with fidelity and devotion as the principle of life & hope the incidental adjuncts which are neither good or evil in themselves acquire a reflected dignity from the holy alliance which entitle them at least to the respect of being like themselves — These views, long held have been strengthened and refreshed by a recent perusal of the life of Bishop Stevens — in whose life & practice as well as that of many others living & dead of the Roman Catholic faith they are strikingly exemplified. In the afternoon I was at Frds. Mtg. with my son Rob- who alone of the Children seems to have the predilections in which he has been educated — In the evening

I went with Ma chere to mothers to meet Valentine Hicks & wife and Rachel Hicks & her son — from Long Island, now on their return from Nantucket where R. H. has been on a religious concern. I sh^d have been with them at the Lyceum M.g. if the occurrence mentioned in this note had not presented a stronger attraction — Our visit was short as mothers Ma chere H being obliged to leave by a severe headache

2^d day 9^th Called at mothers after breakfast & devoted the day to my Cf. House duties, Evening at home — Our little Sue has gone this afternoon to Fall River to spend a day or two at her cousin Anna M^rs Roberson's with Rebecca Morgan — Rodman Morgan took tea at our house and afterward went to see the Exhibition of the Conflagration of Moscow with other elder Children — I was detained late at the Cf. House, and took my supper alone — afterward wrote a letter in reply to one from Andrew M. Macy of Nantucket relative to Barzillai Worths claim to a part of the land at Edgartown which belonged to my Grandfather's estate and was sold by his executor W^m Rotch Jr to Jn^o C. Morse — and which I investigated last Summer and satisfied myself that he had no claim in law or equity

3^d day 10^th Spent most of the day at the Cf. House making out a classification of my an^l expenses to see what can be curtailed to bring the an^l to a more moderate sum in the ag-

gregate, called at mothers — A. Robeson & wife & their son Fred.k got home last evg. Andrew cough is quite troublesome. Evg at home our children had a few of their friends to visit them in Social Style — Frank went to Fall River this forenoon to spend a day or two at his uncle Micah's — in the Steve. 4th day 11th Mg. at home — Day Spent as yesterday at the Cg. House except the time Spent at the Mg. of the Southern Med.e Soc.y — to hear the 1st discourse delivered by Dr. Alex.r Read — Subject the poisonous qualy. of water (in this vicinity) drawn through lead tubes — the deleterious quality results as he States from presence of free Carbonic Acid making a Carbonate of lead which is a violent poison — the Mg. was at the Lyceum and attended by very few except the Soc.y which was small — the subject, which is of great interest and ought to be generally understood. Evg (after a late supper) at home except going with Umbrellas to Grace Church to see the family home, a thunder Shower having come on — got home without much exposure — Alex.r took the three elder children to Spend the day at Fall River in the Carriage — and see their aunt & Jam.s Ide — they ret.d at dark

5th day 12th Attended at the Bank Directors Mg — and afterward gave some attention to some business of the Estate as I had done before breakfast by riding to S. Dartmouth with our Thomas — rem.r of the day at the Cg. House till dark. After tea went to A. Robeson's to meet my other brothers relative to Chs pecuniary difficulties — which are particularly trying in connection with the marriage of Emily about 2 weeks hence — Mary S. Rotch took tea with us — and Ed. Anthony was here in the ev.g Horatio came late in the ev.g —!

6th day 13 Occupied at the Cg House & throughout the day ev.g at home

7th day 14 — Principally Engaged with my Cg. Hse. duties — went thither before breakfast to open the Store for the Coopers to attend to some Provisions from Cincinnatti but they did not do it — ev.g at home

1st day 15th Went to Friends Meetings — in the forenoon a son of John R Davis of Acushnet exported with some interest — I prepared the Temp.ce Journals for distribution in the morning and after tea I made a few calls to deliver a few of them — and later in the ev.g went with Tho.s to see cousin J Arnold's family & R. H. Dana whom I had not before seen on his present Visit with his daughter —

2d day 16th Attended at the Bank Mg. after breakfast — was at the Cg. room early in the ev.g and gave the rem.r of the time till the starting hour

of our Sons for Haverford 3rd Mo. to duties at the Cg. House & connected with their departure — about the 8 hour, walked to the depot, as did Susan & Ellen their Bros. with their baggage filling the Carriage. and saw them set off — The weather pleasant with the Wind high at S.W. which moderating in the evg I trust they will have had a good passage to New York — On return f. from the Depot I stopped at the Mg. of the Creditors of Wm H. Stowell at the Institution for Savings — The meeting was called at T.D. Elliots Office but adjourned to the other place for want of room — The picture presented was discouraging indeed — debts to the amt of 175.000 and by the Estimate 130.000 — a large part Specially pledged to certain Creditors — so that the majority will have but very little to receive — This exposition is unjust to the prejudice of his Character which has been high as to Morals & Religion in the estimation of the Comy — and this has been the means or foundation of the credit (not in his honesty) which has enabled him to create so large an indebtedness — This event will justly Shake the confidence of the Comy. in the pretensions based on a fair external & high profession — and may thus prove a useful though a dearly bought Lesson to many — Eve: of the afternoon at the

Cf. House & Co J. at home writ J. in the books of the Estate
3d day 17th At the Cf House before breakfast and afterwards principally engaged there & elsewhere about my business till Dinner — occupied most of the afternoon in endeavoring to get the discharge of Abraham Driscoll, at the instance of his father imprisoned on a warrant of distress for not appearing as a witness in an appeal case by Arnold Alsop for a violation of the license laws — The object was finally accomplished by my becoming Security for the payment by his father of $60.23 — The omission to appear was not from any bad intention on his part but for want of a full understanding of the Case. he having gone to N. Orleans in fulfilment of an engagement made before the first trial — and no evil would have followed back for the perfidy of the other witness who took a bribe to be absent — He is likely to remain 90 Dt. in Jail. — after getting through with this business (and I shall be glad if it ends here) I went to the Cf Hse & was there till evg — afterwards at home — except walking home with Cousin Eliz Arnold who was here on a social Call —
4th day 18th Went to the Cf House before breakfast, and after attended to my concerns at the Cf House &c — in the afternoon attended to the departure of our late amiable assistant Mary Ann Rogers who has gone to meet her father in Newyork. We are sorry to lose her, and wish her well very

sincerely — though not without some misgivings with reference to her contemplated marriage with a journeyman printer of the name of Baker — remr of the afternoon at the C.G. House, C.G. at home — Georgiana Riddell & Sarah Ann Cheever made a Call on Mary — the latter is a very pleasant and intelligent girl but dont admire any kindred to the new Mr. Cheever who wrote the ingenious temperance tracts entitled "Deacon Giles' distillery"

5th day 19th — Attended at the Bank Meeting and devoted the remr of the day to C.G. House business principally — C.G. at home — Mary rode with a pretty large party of her friends this afternoon and arrived a little after dark a light rain set in before they got home

6th day 20 Engaged at home in the Mg. writing to N. H. Ruggles relative to a claim by J. Grinnell for the heirs of late A.R. to a small angle of land at the corner of Walnut & C.G. Sts, thrown out of the Street by a change of the line — afterward applied myself to the C.G. House duties, towards C.G. made some effort to counteract the action of G.H. to prevent the use of my whf by the R.R. C.G. for landing thereon — C.G. at home

7th day 21 Rode to the R. Road depot and some places before breakfast — Spent the day principally at the whf. & C.G. House — much of

time in the afternoon in forwarding the clearing of the Wharf of A.G. Snells Stones This being the last day of his work before the Scow is to be used by J. A. Parker — The loading was effected (with about 50 Tons Stones at 4½ Pr Pr — and they will have laid them off but the high water was unfavorable for the work in our place so that a part remains to be laid on 2d day next — Ed J. at home —

1st Day 22 Attended meetings forenoon & afternoon at Friends place of worship and in the P.M. went with Sister Phebe & Mary to the Episcopal Church — and heard a Sermon from a Son of Jeremiah Mason who is settled at Salem — My reading has been principally in the Life of Cardinal Cheverus — for whom my early impressions of respect have been heightened into a warm admiration by a more particular acquaintance with his life & character as to and by his biographer — except a lack of dependance on his fine understanding in all things where the Authority of his Church or its high functionaries intervenes I see no blemish — if this may be called such — in his character — a sincere and fervent devotion to duty and the good of his fellow creatures temporal and eternal united to a humility which thinks nothing of himself — and is afflicted at the distinction which his virtues & talents draw after them, cannot be found.

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2d day 23d — Occupied much of the day at the Cg House & wharf — and at Fish Island where my Scow was hauled out of water on the Rail Way to protect her Sheathing from the worms — Evening, after a late Supper at home —

3d day 24th — Occupied a good deal as yesterday — The Scow was launched on the rising tide in the afternoon & I assisted in getting her back to the wharf — We J. at the Wedding at C.W. Morgans of his daughter Emily and Wm J. Rotch where the family circle was generally collected in this place & vicinity — all went off well. the Ceremony was performed by Mr Peabody — and no alcoholic liquors were exhibited — What was recently an innovation I trust will be soon a general and established custom in all respectable Classes — and the Community be disabused of the false notion that it is necessary to poison people in body and mind to show your love and good will — We got home about or a little before 11 O'clk. — a late hour for the little folkes, but warrantable under the circumstances, and to be compensated by a late breakfast — Happiness to the Newly Married — in the untried future

4th day 25th. At home before breakfast. afterward at the Cg. House Workshop — Mostly at the Scow in the afternoon, trying to make some improvements in the Machinery, but for want of proper Skill the workmen failed to effect it & rendered it unfit for use — In the Wg. I was occupied in going from place to place on horseback to find some one competent to readjust it — owg. to the absence of J. Dunfee Jr from his home till a late hour I did not succeed and get home till towards 11 Oclk — Ma Chen H & Sister & Mary at Grandmas

5th day 26 Went early to the Scow by appointment with J. Dunfee Jr. and took the machinery in the Wagon to his Shop when it was found necessary to make new Shafts to both Wheels and to ensure its working satisfactorily a Cast Iron Band with Flanges to keep the Chain in winding from pressing against the Wheel was concluded on the orders given at the Furnace accordingly — and to be thorough the Crane was unshipped and new wood work for the Purchase got under way — a ~~new~~ box for the main gudgeon ordered — H&K which took up most of my time through the day — at the Cg. house till about dark — Walk with Mary to her Grandmothers and Eliza Drinkers in the evening there was an alarm of fire just as I got home to tea — which originated in the firing of a small Carpenters Shop on the lot of the heirs of any late

uncle Thos. Hazard — S. to have been visited by some little Children in the neighborhood putting fire to some Shavings outside of the building — it was soon got under, but if it had occurred a few hours later as other Carpenters & Coopers Shops are very near including those on my Mothers lot north of her house it would have probably proved a Serious conflagration — It was discovered before my Mother learned how near it was to her premises.

6th day 27 — Occupied much as yesterday with visits to the work Shops Wharf &c promoting & overseeing the work on my Screw Machinery at C.G. House &c — w.g. at home —

7th day 28th Spent the morn.g. in writing in relation to the "Estate", afternoon at a Special Meg. of the Notch Wharf Co — most of the rem.g. parts of the day at the Screw &c — which will not be completed till another day has been chiefly spent upon the fixtures — after return.g. late from the C.G. House — went with Mrs Chace H. to make a Call at Sister Sarah's the departure of Wm & Emily on their journey and the termination of the arrangements preparatory to their Marriage gives them an attend and quiet household — C. & S. expect to leave for Duncannon to meet J. & E. in New York early next week. Our Mary has been for two days quite unwell with a cold.

1st day 29th. Early in the morng. wrote up the doings of the Whf. C.J. Mg. yesterday — attended Meetings at Friends place of worship in the day and at Grace Church in the evening with the elder Members of the family and Martha Whalen who was Baptised there to day and took tea with us — we sent her to her home at Cousin Thos. R. Roberson's after the meeting —

2d day 30th. Occupied at home with the Rotch Whf. accts. in the morng — after breakfast at the Bank — and then at the C.J. House with the exception of the dinner hour till dark. remainder of the day at home — wrote a letter in the afternoon to the overseers of the Mg. meeting and to H.C. Davis — forenoon spent in arranging the press copies of my letters for the Current Year —

3d day 31st Engaged principally at the C.J. House — a considerable part of the afternoon with Earl Sampson — Admin. of the Estate of Abm Chace dec'd of Wood. — called at T. Colis inn by appointment with him in the evg. —

4th Day 6 mo. 1 Occupied before breakfast in preparing and delivg. Notices of the monthly Meeting of the Temperance Committee remainder of the day spent in C.J. House duties — after a late supper as usual of late I endeavored to make some move in the Temp Sub-Committee of Dist. No 1 by

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but not finding the Chairman, did not effect any thing other than a slight personal observation

5th Day 2d. Made a call on the Clk of the Temp.ce Com.ce of Dist. No 4. to see if he would accompany me in a tour of Observation among the illegal traders in Alcoholic liquors — he not being able to go I went alone and stopped in at Blakes & Hords and one other which had formerly been a drinking Cellar — but now occupied by a Col.d fam.y — and used for lawful purposes — Got home rather late for the morning devotional Exercises — after bkt. went to the Bank & C.g Hse. where I spent the rem.r of the forenoon & till about 2¼ minutes past 12 — when my attention was taken by a shout of distress by a boy on Geo Howlands premises, supposing there might be a child in the dock I ran to the window, and found him making motion towards my premises with a cry of fire I went out and found that my small building occupied by Fra. Robinson was filled with flames above and below — nothing could be done with any hope of success till the Engines should get there and the alarm was given, an Engine was soon on the spot and in action supplied by buckets from the Dock — and pres-

only others of a larger Class with Section hose whose also in action — and the fire checked — and extinguished in probably 15 minutes from the time the water was thrown on the building from the different points the supply of water being inexhaustible from the proximity to the river — The Shell of the building is left standing the boards and shingles destroyed or rendered useless but the frame principally fit for covering anew which I propose to do, to accommodate F. Bowman with a Shop at low rent and, to preserve free from doubt the Site of the building till the Controversy between Lyo Howland and me relative to the Ownership of the whole land which it covers shall be settled with other matters at issue between us — The Cause of the fire is mysterious — two men worked in the Shop till noon — another belonging to the Shop but who had been at work onboard a Ship was there about a quarter after 12 to change a part of his working dress — he perceived no signs of fire — and although the path by the Shop is quite a thoroughfare for the working Classes employed on the Wharves who live in the north part of the Town, no discovery appears to have been made till the alarm which I heard which if the time of the other transactions noticed

it accurately stated could not have been much above ten minutes after the Shop was left. when the interior was filled with flames and a dense cloud of smoke issuing from the crevices which the flames were beginning to open — there is supposed to have been a considerable quantity of shavings below, but none above — and at the floor is double with only two openings one at the N.W. corner where the stairs are still standing and one at the S.E. corner where the chimney was within a few months removed — There had been no fire in the Shop for several months — nor are any of the workmen smokers. Nor were any matches known to be there. The doors & windows were all closed, and there seems no way of accounting for it but by supposing that a lighted match was purposely thrown in the building by some malicious person, or mischievous boy — neither of which can be willingly admitted — after the fire was extinguished I finished some preparations for the mail — and then repaired to dine and make some further preparation to avail of the departure for Phil.a of Ch.s & Sarah Morgan to send letters to Phil.a & Haw.a but. I failed of effecting any thing though I rode with speed to the Rail Road depot, having

arrived there a minute too late. Spent the
mn of the afternoon at the Cg. House &c —
and the eve.g at the monthly meeting of the
Temp.ce Com.ee at the Office of the Institu.n
for Saving — The family busily occupied
in fitting the house for the approaching warm
Season
6th. day 3d — Principally at home before break-
fast writing up my diary, Called at mothers
on my way to the Cg. House where I was oc-
cupied through the day principally in ar-
ranging my Papers for the past year viz 1841
Eve.g at home writing up the doings of the
Temp.ce Meeting last eve.g Ma Chase &
Sister P & Mary at the Lecture at Grace Ch.
7th Day 4th Spent the day principally in at-
tending to my business at the Cg. House &c e.g
afternoon — I had a call this week from
a man from St. Louis Hall I believe was his name
who was sent by Ch.s Ruggles to make some
unpleasant expositions of the affairs of Ruggles
& Chace — Chace having left the concern in an
embarrassed condition — This adds another to
the Series of losses which affects this place and se-
veral members of the family in addition to the heavy
losses by the fall in prices —
7th. day 5th Attended Meeting at Friends place
of Worship, at the close of the 2d I walked to my
Sister Lots. Mary Chase & with me in the m.g. Others
at the Episcopal Ch.h — Martha Whalin took tea

with us and went with Sister de to their Mg meeting — Thos. A. Greene & Matthew Howland called — The former having been absent in Phila. since last autumn & the latter lately returned from Burlington.

2 day 6th Mg. at home, after breakfast at the Bank and the rest of the day principally at the Cg House — afternoon in preparing to assist Sister Phebe in drawing up a Report for the Ann. Mg. of the Ladies Branch of the Pen Soc'y — took tea with all the family at my nephew Thos. Robertson's — Rec'd a threatening letter through the Post Office for my action in the Temperance Cause — which I handed over to the Select men as throwing some light on the cause of the late fire or any premises —

3d day 7th Occupied all the forenoon in sketching Sister P's report, except an hour spent at Miss Wetton's School where I took little Ellen to be instructed for a few weeks, as an experiment while her aunt is too much occupied to attend to her — afternoon, called at one or two places and closed it at the Cg House, Mg. at Caleb Morgans, & Cousin Anna Rotch with me there — and at Mothers & Mr. Mudges, at the latter to submit to his judgment Sister P's Report — Anna Dunbar has the care of Sister Sarah's Jane G. in her absence — Bessie with us at tea

4th. day 8th Morng. at home writing &c. Forenoon called unsuccessfully to see James Arnold relative to a new establishment of which he has or can have some control. saw him in the afternoon and he will exert his influence & if need be his power for its suppression — invited Mons. Lobe a Corn extracter to operate on my mother — which he did with apparent success — Afternoon (latter part) at the Cg House — Called in the Ev'g. with my Chore H. at mothers. and took the Print'g Offices in my way to attend a temp.ce Meet'g. for the 4th. District at the house of Ch. Haffards the Chairman — afterwards returned to avail upon my wife home — I might have mentioned yesterday that I saw Ab.m Shearman of the Overseers who acknowledged the rec.t of my late Com.n — and explained the Cause of their hitherto slight attention to the subject —

5th. day 9th. Mg. at home. afterwards at the Bank & mothers. & the Cg. House. Called out about day light by an alarm of fire which proved to be the house of Asa Hall in North Fr. Street — it was got under with a partial loss. the SW sided roof & wood house considerably burnt — the Engine men were prompt and efficient and thus it was that it was saved from entire destruction — the day was very rainy. Evg. at home

6th day 10th. At home till middle of the forenoon, afterwards at the Ct. House the rest of the afternoon devoted to the Temperance Cause — eve at home — D. Reed spent it with us

4th day 11th rode into Dartmouth before breakfast in relation to my farming concerns — and made many calls about town to see mid. of the Temp.ce Com.e and devoted the day to the Temp.ce Cause, eve. at home.

5th day 12 Spent the day at home except during the hours of Public Worship. — was at Friends Mg. AM & PM — Martha H & Ellen with me in the forenoon — & in the eve. went with Mary & her mother to the Episcopal Service — H. W. Lee supplying the Pulpit for M. Lambert who is absent from town — Sister P's health as also that of Susan Ketcham & them at home — Martha Whalin called after the 2.d Mg. to take leave of the family particularly Sister P — expecting to set off tomorrow for Newyork on her return to her home in the neighborhood of Saratoga Springs. In my ride yesterday M.g found on of the men whom I wished to see in earnest prayer in his little Stable. he is an ignorant man but seems to have access to the consolations of the Gospel amid his out

ward untoward Circumstances — The true panacea for the trials of life and the only adequate Shield to the assaults of temptation from within & without — Rain being Greatly to[illegible] the Mtgs. at Fndn. place of Worship were very Small —

2d day 13th Gave some attention to the Sunday's Lesson before & after breakfast — attended at the Bank Directors meeting — and called at Mothers and Spent the remr of the day principally at the C.J. House &c., & at home, had Ann Smiths and Sister Sarah's Children to tea &c — Attended Mtg home through a moderate Shower —

3d day 14th Morning at home, forenoon at the C.J. Hse, after Dinner went to Miss Watson's School house to seek for little Ellen who did not come home at the Close of the School found her in Ellen St — with her cousin Morgans who were delinquents in the same way — we detained Ellen in the afternoon and made her disobedience and misconduct which gave us as well as the other family Some uneasiness, a Somewhat Serious matter to prevent a repetition, which however we propose to guard against by sending for her at the Close of each School — Called at the Court House at the opening in the afternoon, having found that my name had been called on the Grand Jury

in the morn Session — I ascertained from the Clerk that it was an inadvertance on his part, it having been omitted at the former term, on acct of my absence from the State, when the Jury was Charged by the Judge — the name not having been erased as would have been proper — As I found it not necessary for me to serve, I retired and finished the ev. at the C.H. House — Ev. at home

4th Day 15th The weather being rainy I spent most of the forenoon in looking over the Papers which had not been called in Course, took little Ellen to her School and requested Miss W. attention to see that the little girls went quickly to their homes at the close of the different Sessions — ~~Called at noon~~ Afternoon at the C.H. House ev. at home

5th Day 16 — Called at the C.H. House after breakfast, and repaired to some vol.s of Mass. Law Reports at the Town Clerks Office with reference to the supposed right of Abigail W. Rider to dowers in the farm formerly her husband's — afternoon and a shot time before din.r at the C.H. House, Ev. at home — had a call after dinner and in the ev. from Wm C. Whittridge on

his insolvent circumstances — Which will add to my already heavy losses in various quarters and funds means — made a call at the Jail to see a young man Joseph Page a young man in whose case Nathaniel Barney has requested my interest on account of the respectability of his Connections — He went to Nantucket from N York to get a voyage in a Whaling Ship probably in the hope that he might thus be cured of his tendency to intemperance — but he was so drunken that he lost the berth which N.B. had secured for him — He came here and was on 2d day last committed to the House of Corr. for 30 days for deserting him — I found him much mortified at his situation and desirous to be released — but this will probably not be easily effected if it would be wise to attempt it for his own sake which I doubt

6th day 17th At home before breakfast forenoon mostly Spent in calling in at Several Grog Shops — Afternoon at the Cg. House Ev.g at home till quite late & then called at C.H. Morgans — they have as of this day from Pennsylvania — They Spent last first day at Hampton with their & our sons and left them well

7th Day 18th Mg. at home. Spent the forenoon at B Rodman's Store investigating an old claim by the heirs of Benj Paddock dec'd against the heirs of the late Wm Rotch & Sons in behalf of a Seaman in the Ship Osprey which was taken in 1792 or thereabts — Afternoon at my own O.J. House, calling on my way with Mary & Sister Phebe at Dr. Clarks room to have a tooth attended to — I was detained by Rain at the Store till sent for abt. 9 Oclk having made no preparations for return 9. in rain — the weather being Warm & Somewhat Sunny when I left home

1st Day 19 — Attended Friends meetings and after dinner went to the Jail to read a Temp.ce address to the Prisoners Mg. at home, B. S. Rotch Spending it with us — Sister Phebe Mary & Frank at the Episcopal Ch.h, Mr. Chase & Son with me in the Mg — the former at home in the afternoon — From him we learned that Prof.r Farrar wife & Miss Fuller are on a visit at Aunt Mary's

2d day 20th at home with the exception of an Errand to the Post Office and to A Rot.s — after breakfast, attended at the Bank Directors meeting, where besides the appropriate business much was said about Streets & the action of this Town in relation to them

— in the course of which North Water St was alluded to and a few words passed between Lyons & me relative to his ungenerous and selfish policy, in which the man exposed his weak position by claiming as an act of condescension towards me his doing what he did do to favor the road up to the point of its completion to his Wharf lot and largely at my expense, & time and money & then by not permitting me to pass to mine cutting me off from all the benefit with reference to that lot for which I had so long labored. I should have liked to go more minutely into the case before the other gentlemen but the occasion was not fitting and the business of the mg. was taken up — I called at Mother's, gave some attention to the workmen at her house now in process of alteration, and spent the rem: of the day and first of the ev. in C Howes doctors — which I continued after my return home —

3d day 21st Morng. at home and at the C.H. House most of the day — had a consultation with my brothers William Charles & Andw relative to the manner of supporting my Mother's house in its elevated position to to which it has been raised to admit of stores and other improvements to increase its usefulness & bring in an income — They

(this was the necessity

agreed with me in the propriety of having a substantial Stone wall through the Centre E & W. & a brick wall transverse by about 16ft from the West side — and it has been so ordered, e.g. at home. With the Rev M. Lambert & Mary Dimber at Tea & with us — at the close of the e.g. I accompanied the latter home

4th day 22. M.g. at home and the business hours of the day at the C.H. House Called with me Chew H to see Cousin Eliza Farran and the Professor & Miss Fuller at Aunt Mary's — but missed of seeing either — the two former being out and Miss Fuller confined with Head Ache — After which Aunt M's took a walk through bro. Wm's Garden & Called at the Barracks — e.g. at home — Sister P & Mary at Church — Mrs Riddell & Georgiana called at the close of the Service

5th day 23. Morng. at home. assisted little Sue about her Sums after breakfast and then repaired to the Bank & Directors meeting the sum of the business hours of the day Spent at my Office accounts at the C.H. home with a view of ascertaining the result of my Manufacturing business for the last 4 years — it will take some days yet to make all of the requisite investigations

but I have gone far enough to form the opinion that there will be a loss on the whole — the past and present year sweeping all former profits — Came home late to tea and went with Ma chere H to a Bridal Party for Emily & Pat her new Mothers — which was pleasant compared with like occasions, which never were consonant with my habits and tastes — the company was small Comparatively probably on acct of the weather — we got home about 11½ O'clk.

6th day 24th At home before breakfast looking over arrear papers — afterward at the Cg. House Came home at 12 to go with Ma chere H to Call at Geo Hussey's, had a Call from Aunt Mary & Miss Fuller; and met Cousin Eliza Farrar near bro: William — I was at the Mg. of the Ex: Board of the Port Lodg in the evg — and then made a call at Cousin Anna Peters's to wait upon Ma chere H home, after spending a good part of an hour at Aunt Mary's To see Prof: Farrar & Cousin Eliza — Who were very pleasant, the Prof: showing nothing of the infirm health which he has long been suffering under — they leave for home to-morrow, Miss Fuller was reclining on the Sofa, her health being feeble — a frail tenement of an active and well stored mind.

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At home before breakfast. Day and first of the w.j. occupied at the C.J. House. rem: of the w.j. at home, little Anna Roberson and Watson Davis united with us and one or two of Watson's brothers were here (I believe) at Tea — Cousin Elika Farrar called and made a very pleasant visit to ma chere Mère — I did not see her — little Ellen took a bouquet to Miss Fuller — the with Cousin E. went this afternoon in the Cars — Mr. Farrar left this morning in his Gig —
1st Day 26th Spent the morn.g in arranging the Temp.ce Papers which came only last w.j. for distribution to-morrow — at Friends meeting through the day with ma chere M. in the forenoon, went to the Jail between meetings to read to the Prisoners, but the Keeper being absent I could not gain admittance I passed in a few pamphlets to the return — In the w.j. at Wms to meet Chld & Sud: and confer on the affairs of Charles whose extensive engagements will oblige him to fail unless he can make an arrangement with the Banks for an extended loan to the am.t of 100.000, in which event he will probably have enough to pay his debts and leave his Real Estate here and at Duncannon Pa unincumbered: got home 11½ 6 Cl

2d. day 27th at home before breakfast then to Bank, and mothers, and the C.H. House & mostly occupied about my business as Executor and the adjustment of an old claim with the Executor of Benjamin Paddock late of Ohio formerly Master of the Ospra taken by the British in 1895 or thereabouts owned by Wm Rotch & Sons and in the Whale Fishery from Dunkirk. The Captain having by Will a gift become entitled as he believed to the balance due from W R & S to a Sailor named Robert Young — no others having claimed s^d balance I have now with consent & some of my fathers heirs paid it — The examination by me into the matter has involved research among the books of s^d firm as well as those of my father's of an old date — Eve^g at home except a call at C.W. Morgans after a late supper to take little Ellen home, and the adjustment of a small matter of business on the route. Many at a bridal party (for Emily) at her Uncle Williams — I had a call fr John A Collins on the subject of funds for the Anti Slavery Society lent, the present state and prospects of my business and liabilities for others would not justify my giving anything

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3. day 28th. At home before breakfast and till some hours after then finished the forenoon at the Cg. House. after dinner went to the Jail to deliver some books & to see young Page in the house of Correction. called afterward and spent some time at Fords Grog Shop — There is a manifest improvement in the diminished business and in the removal of all the drinking appliances from the general view; so that the trade is a clandestine one — and of course less in amo. finished the afternoon at the Cg. House, and after a late supper went to Mothers to wait upon Mr. Chew H & Mary home, the latter took a sail in the Gov.t brig Apprentice, manned by little boys at the invitation of Mr. Lambert — She was much pleased with the neatness, good order and cheerful agility of the little fellows in manoeuvering the vessel and executing orders — All that strikes me unpleasantly on the occasion is the indecent countenance of Mr. L to the use of rum which his connection with the Navy implies — A wagon with a little boy in it was run away with on County Street bring up against one of the trees by the Gate the horse run on the sidewalk & where he broke loose break

ing the Shafts and throwing the boy stunned on the ground, he was taken up and soon came to — our horse which was stand.g as the gate was blocked by the collision, and trotted off but without being much frightened was soon stopped and brot. back when Coll.r took the boy & his wagon home he was from one of the Mifflenous families at Day Corner

4th. Day 29 Morng. at home and day at the Cg. House, most of the afternoon occupied in a consultation with my bros. Wm. And.w & Charles relative to the affairs of the latter, it was determined to make an application to the Banks to morrow through their Presidents. In the evening went with Mary to a bridal Party at James Arnold's Jr. Compliment to William and Emily — it was not large — but very pleasant — no dancing which is always an interruption to Sociality in my experience — This has been a very fine Summers day & eve.g —

5th. Day 30th. Went to the Cg. House before breakfast — after breakf.t to the Bank Reg.r gave some attention to the subject of the Conference yesterday — Wm.g And.w saw Geo. Howland in the forenoon and a meeting of the Bank board was called in the afternoon which I did not think

best for me to attend. I was principally engaged at the C.g. House. We had at her mother and Sister Elvira and Miss Weston & Miss Osgood. I have not heard the result of the B. Directors meeting —

6th day Jan.y 1 Morn.g. at home day at the C.g House &c The proposition of the Banks were favorably received so that the Catastrophy of a failure may probably be avoided with its calamitous entailments — which relieves much anxiety in various quarters — at 5 O'Clk I went to Popes Island to meet Esq.rs Kempton & Geo. Randall as appraisers for dividing that Island between Thos. & the heirs of Edw.d Pope — Thos. & T. D Elliot being there to explain the provisions of the Will of Mrs. Pope who lately deceased — Examined the house and saw Mrs. Edw.d P.e & her daughter Sylvia who constitute the family in the solitary position — returned to the C.g House and worked till dark, rem.d of the Eve.g at home

7th Day 2d. Morn.g. and most of the forenoon at home, rode a short distance after breakfast attend.d and other business latter part of the forenoon & afternoon at the C.g House, Eve.g at home except a call at Cousin Anna Potter's to attend Ma-

home. She having dined there. Mr. Frame spent part of the Ev.g with us
1st Day 3d — Took an early breakfast and went out upon my mission to the board.g houses. called at many places & Vessels & scarcely made the Circuit by the hour of meet.g at the Bethel which I attended A.M. & P.M. The audience was very respectable — after dinner I went to the Jail and read most of a lecture del.d by Dan.l Dana J. in 1829 to the Prisoners. I sh.d have had ample time to finish if Mr. Porter had not at first refused to admit me, and it was not till after much discussion that he consented — his objections were of no force, or an arbitrary assumption of the opinion that no good would ensue — which was quite overstepping the bounds of his prerogative. went with Ma chez H. Sister P. & Mary to Grace Ch.h in the Ev.g
2d. Day 4th — At home before breakfast — afterward at the Cg. Hse for a short time & then occupied with the Exercises of the day in celebration of the National Anniversary & the progress of Temp.ce — by the Rev.d T. H. Gage the weather which in the morn.g was unpromising proved to be favorable and the occasion on the whole was very interesting the Oration by Rev.d Mr. Frost of Salem, addressed

man was very fine and exciting — and I trust the Cause will derive aid from the observances. The female Temp.ª Soc.y & Cold Water army walked in Procession to the North Baptist Church which was quite filled — Many attended with me — we got home abt. 3 Oclk — the procession comprising many from other towns went from the Church to the Town Hall to partake of a collation — men below & women above — I devote the afternoon to business objects at the Store &c — E.S. at home, viz. after the dinner of the E.S. stopped my writing at the C.G. Hse — The fog of the Eve. prevented the fire works being exhibited which it was & were in preparation —

3. day 5.th Morn.g. at home looking over Anti Slavery Papers which had not been read in course, remainder of the day at the C.G. House &c &c — Eve.g at home till 9 and then with Mary at Sister Anna's Party for Emily till 12 — Saw Dan.l Jones there who came off in the new Steamboat Massachusetts which commenced running yesterday she makes a trip from & to this Island daily which as it regards the convenience of the

people of Nantucket when the navigation is not impeded by ice, is almost like taking Nantucket from her Ocean bed and uniting her to the Main —

4th Day 6th Spent most of the morning in preparing notices of the Temp.ce meeting to morrow, and rode out after breakfast to deliver them or put them in train for delivery — afterward attended to business at the Ct. House &c, partly with reference to the appointment of assignees for the settlement of the Est.e of Wm H. Hoxsie a bankrupt — after tea I went to the temp.ce Com.ee of this district met at the house of the Chairman Charles Hoffenden —

5th day 7th At home before breakfast after breakfast went to the Bank Directors meeting. where was a considerable discussion on the subject of Int.t & Exchanges which detained me till near 10 Oclk — I then went in discharge of my appointment to visit the rum Shops in the 4th Temp.ce district — John Barbank with me finished this duty about or soon after noon — after dinner went to the Ct. House where I was engaged till ab.t 5 visited them home, and after supper at the M.g of the Gen.l Temp.ce Com.ee — which held till about ½ past 9 Oclk — after. made some arrangements for

forwarding the Temp.ce Cause I got home about 10 Oclk

6th day 8th. Spent the Mg. and forenoon in writing up the record of the Temp.ce Mg. — this diary & an article for the "Ar-ra" which twitched also on the afternoon — went at the Cg. Hse &c &c. at home

7th day 9th went to the Cg. Hse before breakfast and spent the day principally there & at home except an errand with me Chace & to a confectionary Shop in the neighborhood

1st day 10th rose early — and after rather an early breakfast went on a missionary tour among the boarding houses &c &c to invite the Sailors to attend the Bethel. I attended meet.g. three times & felt — The audiences were very respectable in numbers &c — in the afternoon there was a funeral sermon on the occasion of the recent death of a Sailor at the hospital, and a sermon was also had to the death of two men onboard the Ship Gideon Howland. a marble tablet to whose memory has just been erected by their Shipmates on the West wall of the Church the widowed mother of one of them (Wilbour) and other females were present on the occasion — a funeral procession was formed at

the Church and followed the Corpse to the place of interment in the S.° burying ground. — I stopped at Friends Meeting on my way home and was present at about half the Sitting — In the eve I went with Sister P. Mary & Frank to the Episcopal Church and heard a good Sermon from Mr. Lambert on Slavery.

2.d day 11.th Occupied before breakfast in some domestic arrangements relating to an exp company — after breakfast went to Fall River in the buggy to attend the Mg. of the Pocasset Bg — when it was over about 3 O'clk started off on my return and took my north lots in my way and Calling at Mothers reached home soon after 6 — Met had Cousin Anna Rotch, Wm & Emily, bro: Chs and Sister Sarah Susan Davis Mary Allen & several others of the relations at tea Mr Lambert in the Eve.

3.d day Spent the morng in empty.g the Oil from the Parlor lamps &c — forenoon in looking over the Papers, attend.g to business at the Bank &c to Calculations respecting Mothers house & the Shops under it &c an hour at the Ex house before Dinner & afternoon devoted principally to business there till dark called at A. Robesons on my way home. Many at a party for Wm. E. Rotch at Aunt Mary's

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4th Day 13th Spent the morning in making arrangements for mowing & getting in my hay — and while out called on Sundry persons with reference to the Temp.ce Cause. which detained me till after the fam.y had taken their breakfast whereby I missed of the customary Devotional reading — after breakfast gave some additional time to the Temp.ce subject — some to the operations at Mothers house. and then repaired (about noon) to the Ch. House — afternoon at a meeting of the proprietors of the joint Speculation in Michigan Ohio & Indiana Lands under the Agency of Jo.s R. Williams — the incumbrances & taxes being as he believes all paid except some taxes in Ohio for 1841 which cannot be p.d in the Counties till September when they will be discharged — and encumbrances on some of the Toledo lots which he has not yet been able though he has endeavored to discharge with the proper individuals. This he expects to be able to do probably on his return to the West — a plan of distribution of the wild lands by lot was agreed upon. The Toledo lots to be conveyed in trust to several of the Comp.y

Son Jno. Williams Judge Prescott & perhaps J.R. Williams, to be also distributed as soon as they shall be disincumbered of existing claims mortgages &c — The Proj. was held at the Marine Bank & adjourned to the 16th Inst — after the Proj. held a consultation with my brothers Wm & Charles and the workmen relative to some further alterations in my mothers house — Thence proceeded to the Cg. House whence I wrote as long as I could see — Called at mothers — and took a late supper — Ma Chas H. Sister P & Fanny being at the lecture at Grace Church —

5th. day 14th. At home before breakfast. At 8 OClk went to the Bank Directors meeting — thence to the Cg. House — at 11 OClk went to Friends' week day meeting which I have not attended, except occasionally the Quarterly Meetings since the disownment of my mother — I have ever thought that the time required by those meetings would be well spent in their observance, and I should probably never have discontinued the practice but for my great dissatisfaction with the proceedings of the Society in relation to my connections & their friends — And I probably should not have resumed the practice now but for the pending controversy with

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Geo. Howland, to whom I made a complaint to the Overseers in the 2d month last — They have not yet acted to any issue, and I propose to present the subject to the Preparative meeting at no distant day unless something satisfactory can be otherwise obtained. And if brot. before the Mg. by the Overseers I wish to be present to witness the proceedings. — In the afternoon attended the funeral solemnities at the late residence of Frs. L. Alden he having died of pulmonary consumption on 3d day the religious services were performed by Wm. Roberts of Fairhaven and Dr. Robbins of Mattapoisett in a feeling and appropiate manner — the interment took place at Fairhaven where he was born and his relatives mostly reside — his father having been dead many years and his mother living in Connecticut with her second husband — I repaired to the Mg. House at the close of the religious services and was there till dark — after supper walked with Mary to the New Market Square to hear the Music volunteered by the New Bedford Band for the gratification of the citizens — which I suppose was good but I do not relish such a confusion of instruments very highly

6th Day 15th Spent the forenoon in writ[g] temp[e] notices to the Clergyman in Town at the instance of Mr Crosby to accompany some copies of the appeal of the Mass. Tem. Union for funds to continue their operations — after dinn[g] there at the Post Office — paid some attention to the work on mother building — and consulted with Andrew on the subjects and heard Benj[n] objections to the entrance of the South Store from Wm Street. which did not strike me as having any weight — the locality deciding the point of propriety in accordance with the plan which has been executed by the workmen. Afternoon at the C[g] House — a[g] at home except a walk to attend Macken to from C. W. Morgans with little Ellen where she was to call after Spend[g] a little time with Cousin Anne Rotch — on getting home — met Sister Eliza on her return from James Arnold's and went with her to the Corner of Wm & Purchase St — Rebecca Morgan & Rachel visiting little Lucy at tea &c

7th Day 16th At home till 10 Oclk. All then to the Post Office where I met Nathan Crosby Sec[y] of the Mass. Tem. Un[n] — and spent some time with him — afterward at the C[g] House till Dinner — had Mr Crosby with us —

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After dining proceeded towards the Town Hall where was a Mg. of the Citizens on a proposition to open a Square from Univ. to Elm Streets and from Sixth St. to Cheapside Continued — The subject was however disposed of before I got there, in the negative by an almost unanimous Vote. and a similar vote gave to the Wash. T. A Soc. the exclusive use of the Town Hall or old Market for their meetings &c — I forgot the meeting of the land Speculators for giving to each his appropriate portion by lot till after the allotment was made — I found mine to consist of 11 lots from 40 to 160 acres viz 480 a. in 5 lots in Lucas Cy. Ohio, 1 lot of 160 a. in Lenawee Cy. 4 lots of 480 a. in Hillsdale Cy. & 1 lot of 120 a. in Vanburen Cy. Michigan — The Toledo lots were before decided to be put into the hands of trustees (John Williams & Elisha Prescott) title by clearing incumbrances & perfecting titles there could also be allotted in severalty. gave some attention to Mothers building — & made in concert with Wm & Chs a new appropriation of the South Store — Wm Howe who was the original mover and very urgent for the alteration that he might have the Store for his book business now declin-

ing to take it because the locality requires a step downward on entering from Wm St. a circumstance which he ought to have foreseen at the outset — This is however only a pretext I think to cover as it may his unhandsome proceeding — Some time at the C.J. the He & J. at home

1st Day 17th Took an early breakfast and went forth on my duty to invite the Seamen to Church — which occupied me about 2½ hours — Stopped at the Grog Shop which I found full of Customers on last first day but found Simmons alone, with his bung barrels — he was very Savage and ordered me off the premises — from which I retired leisurely and was continuing my Colloquy from the Street but he closed the gate upon me — I advised him to keep it fastened and went on my way — Called at Workers on my tour — Who is quite feeble — Slept but poorly last night — She however Continues to sit in the parlor. — Attended Meeting twice at the Mariners Church — and also in the afternoon at Friends M.H. — In the C.J. I meet with Sister P. Mary & Frank to the Episcopal Ch. — Mr. Randall of Fall River officiating in

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place of Mr. Lambert — and at the close of this Mg. I went to the Town Hall where was a Mg. of the Martha Washington Temp.ce Association & others — addressed by the Rev. Mr. Spear of the Universalist denom.n — formerly of this Town — after he had closed Mr. Crosby made a short speech and also James B. Gough — who had just returned from Russell's Mills where he had lectured on Temp.ce — he gave a picture of the wonderful reformation which had there taken place — where the evils of intemperance had been most strikingly illustrated in times past — the contrast of the two periods is animating and highly pleasing —

2.d day 18.th Morn.g at home. After breakfast to the Q. House. but first to the Bank Directors Meeting — afternoon at home reading till 4 Oclk then went to north lots where the haymakers were at work and remained, assisting them till 8 oclk — then to the Q. House till near Supper — afterwards at home with Ma Chas H. who has been slightly unwell these two days with a cold —

3.d day 19.th Morn.g at home. Forenoon attended to business at several places and took my dinner excepting the last

in Vanburen Co. Michigan of Jos. R. Williams at O. Prescotts Office, there and previously in the Street I had considerable conversation with him relative to Buffalo & its business prospects, as connected with my Speculation — of which he thinks very favorably — afternoon at the C.J. House principally preparing copies of Deeds so that J. R. W. might take the originals with him to be recorded in the respective Counties — C.J. at home, after a late and Solitary Supper — looking over the Papers and reading one of Miss Sedgwicks pleasing tales Suggested by a ride over the Western Railroad.

4th. Day 20th. M.J. at home, protracted by a Thunder gust which was followed by Showers till near noon, gave some attention to concerns abroad and Spent the latter part of the forenoon at the C.J. House — afternoon considerably occupied about mothers house, and in endeavoring to See J. R. Williams or in his absence Judge Prescott in relation to my deeds of Wild land in the West — Succeeded at last in seeing the latter the former being absent, in Boston, finished the day at the C.J. House. C.J. after a late Supper at home, Sister R. at Library at Church over there H. confined above Stairs with a Cold. Sam'l

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Parsons and Alfred Rodman called, the former being on a visit to his friend Sen. Sam Howland — & the latter just returned from his year at Cambridge —

5th day 21st Mg at home, after breakt. to Bank, mother's house & Cg. House and at 11 o'clk went to the usual week day meeting of the Soc'y. of which I am a member — wrote to my son Ed. after Mg. and went to the Rail Road depot to send it forward it being too late for the Mail — Aftn. of the afternoon at the Cg. House Mg. at home, Ambrose Vincent & Jas. H. Howland called on Temp. business — Ma chere H. quite unwell with her cold and much of the day in bed

6th day 22. Mg. at home forenoon at the Cg. House &c — on return home found Dr. Read here he having been called to Ma chere H. who though apparently much better in the morning and had risen and occupied herself in writing to Haverford & Skaneateles — but she felt a sharp pain in her chest, and some time after she raised some blood some from the lungs — Dr. Read bled her in the arm, and I remained with her most of the afternoon and Eve —

7th day 23 Ma chere H. passed an uncomfortable night — raised a little more blood but of a dark & coagulated appearance as though

it might be the remains of the first bleeding
Dover Powders were administered which in
duced great nausea so that She got but
little Sleep — — made preparations to
go into Rochester to try to get Mary Law
to come and assist us in the family — At
at 10½ O'Clk left off in the Carriage with
Frank Sue & Ellen, hav'g bor'd Charles H. Mer
gaid horses — ours being engaged about the
hay. Got to Mr Livsathers (about 13 mils
about 12½ Oclk — and were pleased to
find that Mary Could return with us
— after Spending a couple of hours
in pick'g blackberries &c — we returned
and reached home a little after 4 Oclk
— found Mrs Chenoweth more Comfortable than
when we left — Remained at home
through the day and Eve

1st day 24th My dear Hannah passed a
tolerable night and has been pretty Com
fortable through the day. I was busi
ly occupied in the morning preparing
the Temp'ce Papers for Distribution
at the different Churches and Sun
day Schools which with all the des
patch in my power bro't me rather
late in Starting on my tour of duty in
calling at the diff't boarding houses to
invite the attendance of Seamen at
the Mariners Church — after a hasty

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breakfast — I had scarcely time to go the rounds before the hour of Service — The attendance was not so large as heretofore — called at Mothers — and attend at the Bethel in the afternoon & at 5 I went to the Unitarian Ch. to hear Lucretia Mott who is on her way from Nantucket to some of the mgs. in or near New York — the rest of the day & evg. not thus occupied were spent at home with my wife &c — She has had a pretty good day — Several of our relatives have called to enquire after her

2 day 25 th. My wife had a pretty good night — by appointment I went after an early breakfast to unite with the others appointed to the Service to make a division of Popes Island between the heirs of Edwd Dec'd & his brother Thos — accomplished the duty so far as it could be done till further Surveys were made as now decided upon, about 10 AM — when I took the plans to T. D. Elliot the Ex — of Mrs. Pope — then gave some attention to Mothers business and to my business at the Co. House &c — afternoon at home read. papers &c evg. also at home, except a walk with

Mary after tea to the Cg. Hse. to look up &c — ma chere H has had a pretty comfortable day — Several of our Relatives & friends have called to enquire after her —

3. day 26th Morng. at home, part of the forenoon at the Cg. House &c — afternoon writing at home — walked to the Store to procure things for the night after tea with Mary — Ev. at home — Ma chere H continues without any return of bleeding but quite feeble from abstinence deputation &c —

4th. Day 27th Spent the forenoon at the Cg. House and afternoon at home, detained in the latter part by a thunder Shower after tea walked with Mary to the Cg. House to put up my books &c, and on my return went to W.C. Fabers Shop to get a book for a present from his Mother for Frank on this his 15th birth Day — Sister P & Mary at the Epis.l Evg. Mg — Ma chere H sat up a considerable time at intervals through the day

5th Day 28th At home except a Catching visit to the Market in the morning — after breakfast to Bank &c. & Cg House and at the proper hour to Friends Month by meeting which is the first of this kind that I have attended since the particular proceedings in relation to my mothers disownment &c many Years since — There

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was nothing to indicate much improvement since that time, aside from the absence of the party feelings which were then indulged. A complacent adherence to the established forms without much Spiritual life — three young women disowned for having joined other religious societies — wt proceeding did not call forth except from one individual the kindly sentiments and Charitable feelings wch I thought appropriate to the occasion — There was however an Epistolary Corr. from the yearly meeting which seemed to partake of the Sanctified Spirit of the Soc'y — and to which the members particularly G. Howland would do well to take heed —

At dinner time I had a call from Nathan Crosby the Temperance Agent from Boston he came there to be present at a Temp. Pic nic got up by the Martha Washington Soc'y. as a benefit for Major Vandrell who at their instance had relinquished the Rum traffic — I have no great sympathy with the man or this movement and did not propose to attend — his principal object however was to address the Cold Water Army which was to participate in a similar meal festival at the same place, at 5 Oclk viz

Blackmer's Grove, and to get contributions from our Citizens to sustain the Operations of the Temp.ce Union who are now straitened for funds the wide Spread sympathy for the Washingtonian organization, having diverted to a great extent diverted the attention of the Temp.ce Public from older Societies — After Dining I walked with him to see Capt. Merryfield and get him to accompany Mr. C. to the place of the festival & I went to act further with my Colleagues in the business of dividing Rhodes Island — afterwards to mother's house, in process of alteration, & the Cg. Hse, dec.g. at home — Mr. Chase & Hy. has had a pretty comfortable day — I finished reading to her J. H.'s Missionary able & interesting Sermons of Parkers late work tending to unsettle the Religious faith of Christians by disparaging the records and facts on which that of the multitude and all true believers in greater or less degree rests — This may not have been his purpose from any hostility to the Religion whose outworks he so boldly attacks — but he foolishly aims (as I infer from the Review) to rest its high and holy claims on a more Spiritual & permanent basis — I availed myself of Dr. Reed's visit on this day & the last to give him an Acc.t of Geo. Haviland's outrageous conduct towards me in relation to the extension of Mr. Waters St. of which to my sur-

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prise I found he was iqnorant —
6th day 29 At home before breakfast
after, called with N. Crosby at Uncle
Williams to obtain a little aid to the Tem-
perance Cause, Called at mothers &c
and then to the Cf. House, soon after 12
Came home and took the 3 younger
Children to bathe which bro.t us late at
dinner — & the Children late at School —
the latter part of the afternoon at the Cf.
House, Ev.g at home had a call from
N. Crosby to report his success in makg
Collections — which was somewhat en-
couraging, but not near the measure of
his just Claims — Several of the Religious
Societies will make an effort by talk-
ing up Contributions or otherwise to do Some-
thing in discharge of their implied obliga-
tions — Spent the latter part of the ev.g
in my wife's room, She continues without
much Change but rather improving.
7th day 30th M.g at home, forenoon at
the Cf. House — afternoon there till near
4 Oclk when I had a call from Job Eddy
who visited my assistance in arrang-
ing for a meet.g for Sibyl Jones at the
House of Correction this afternoon at
6 Oclk and one at the Masons Chk
to morrow — I called on the Off.rs of the H. of
C. and on W. Mudge — and subsequently

of J. Eddy is to inform of the result —
I attended the Meeting which was Satisfactory — S.J. is a very Devoted woman to the calls of duty; and her labors I hope will be blessed — M.J. at home 1st. day 31st. Went out on my 1st day morng. mission in behalf of the Port Society to the Seamens boarding houses and Vessels at the wharves which I accomplished about 9 o'clk. went to the M.J. at the Seamens Chapel at the usual hour when about the beginning of the services the M.J. was broken up by an alarm of fire — which proved to be caused by the burning of Alanson Gammons barn on the Hazard lot just by my mothers — I was soon on the spot when my mothers barn was on the side nearest the burning building (about 10 ft. distant) was just beginning to inflame — but before the engines could be brot. into action the boarding was burnt through and the hay fell on fire abt. 8 Tons — so that the roof was pretty much destroyed and the hay thoroughly wet and a large part thrown out before it could be quelled — The engine men & citizens worked with vigor and the Stable of Gammons only was wholly destroyed — with its contents, his horses were got out — but a hog was burnd — The Origin of the fire is unknown — I attended the afternoon services at the Bethel — also friends mg. and at 6 o'clk went again to the Bethel to hear Sibyl Jones for whom a meeting was ap-

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pointed at 6 Oclk, which was well attended not withstanding a high rain, and I believe satisfactory — She appears to be a very sincere woman and humbly devoted to the discharge of her duty as a Gospel minister fluent in expression but of limited education — Evg. at home

2d. day 8mo. 1 — Morng. at home. then to Bank, — mothers, & the Cg. House — afternoon also there in part, Wg as a meeting for Sibyl Jones at Friends. remainder of the day at with ma chen Th, who improves very slowly

3d. day 8mo. 2d Mg. at mkt. & home after breakfast at mothers, and about my business as the Cg. House about 10 Oclk a part of the East wall of neighbor A.G. Smiths wharf fell — by the action of the mud & earth. in filling in from the North end — afternoon partly spent in preparing notices of the approaching Mg. of the Temperance Conv — called at mothers to see sister Lydia & Mary who came from Fall River to spend part of the day, and to advise with the Carpenter about the repairs of the barn partially burnt on 1st Day — Mg. of the afternoon at the Cg. House & the clerk — Mg. of the evg at home — partly in hearing the complaints of Mrs Hickey of the cruel treatment which her daughter Mary met with from her husband Peter Murphy — She

wishes to effect a separation, but as they live in Fairhaven I recommended her to apply to influential individuals there — Sister Lydia called to see me there H. — who seems to improve slowly in health

4th day 3d — Principally occupied with my business at the Cg. House & where I was detained till about dark — Spent the ev. in the room of my dear H. who seems better but prone to talk too much when her friends call to visit her — Cousin Anna Rotch & others were here today — There was an alarm of fire, caused by an attempt to set fire to the M.E. Sch. House by inflaming some combustibles under the stairs — its timely discovery it occurring near the time of the opening of the morning session prevented serious damage — In the ev. there was another alarm of fire to be caused by a fire in Jno. S. Allen's house — if not a false alarm it was extinguished without the aid of the Fire department —

5th day 4th Engaged at the Bank a short time in the morning afterward at the Cg. House till the hour of the mid week religious mg. which I attended and was at the Cg. House again in the afternoon — In the ev. I was

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at the monthly meeting of the Town Temp.ce Com.y at the Office of the institution for Savings —

6th day 5th Morning Spent in writing up the Records in part of the Temperance meet.g of last w.k — after breakfast attended to some family Cares in supplying the wants in the Staff of life — and to other objects at the provision Store — and on my return homeward to obtain an article for the comfort of Ma chere at a Dry Goods Shop I met with Perry Russell. and had a long conversation with him relative to my Complaint against Geo. Howland — He S. that the Overseers intended to give further attention but admitted the difficulties from the pertinacious & overbearing Character of G.H. whom he well knew from his former transactions with him. — Spent the rem.r of the forenoon at the Academy where the examination at the close of the Session was going this being the 3d and last day — D. Robbins and several of the Trustees & being present — Spent also most of the afternoon there, when there was a larger number of visiters the largest Class Room being filled with the Scholars & their friends &c — Composition and declamation occupying the time — the performances were highly commended by D. Robbins in a speech at the close and I think with good reason — The School

appears well — and by the circulation of printed Sheets showing as nearly as might be the relative proficiency Standing and deportment of the Scholars now first practiced I think a new & powerful inducement for future effort and propriety of Conduct will be found — Energy in application on the part of the Scholars seemed heretofore only to be lacking to make it a first rate School — an excellent understanding Subsists between the teachers and Scholars, and thorough instruction has always been a principle with Mr. Beane — At the Close of the exercises I spent some time at the Cg. House and did not get home till dark — Mr. Lambert made a Call as ma chere H & sister the former has been more comfortable to day. — little Lucs Composition & Franks declamation at the Academy to day were quite Creditable 7th. Day 6th. Spent most of the forenoon in completing the records of the temp.ce meeting as in making extracts of Votes for several of the Committees went to the Cg. House about 12 — and Spent some time in examining the fallen wharf wall of my neighbor Alden Y Snell — after dinner called to see Mrs. F. L. Alden who stated her wish to retain the house and try to support her family with the profit of a few boarders. She S. She supposed there would be little or nothing of her husbands

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property left after paying the debts — I consented to her making the experiment though I did not conceal my doubts of her success — Spent some time at the Cg House — and was called for near 6 Oclk. to go with the little girls and give them a lesson in Swimming which I did at the bath House on my Bro. Benjamins premises — got home about 7m. 8ot and after tea walk to the Store to bear up my bookstore in which Mary accompanied me — found Sister Eliza here on our return who read us a letter from John Reed of Baltimore giving an account of the death of his brother William in Mississippi after a short illness. the event took place on the 12th ult.o the same day on which our neighbor F. L. Alden died — I accompanied my sister as far as the usual consent viz to the corner of Purchase St. on her return home ma chere H continues to gain a little in convalescence

1st day 7th At home through the day except my attendance at Frds Mtgs — much of the time in ma chere H's room — She has been pretty comfortable to day — Sister Phebe and the Children were at Grace Chh

2d day 8th M.J. at home except the usual errand to the Market — after break

Jack went with Francis to Wm Hathaway's writing School to take a series of lessons during his vacation — thence to mothers and the Cg. House — Spent most of the afternoon in my wifes room read[g] the A.S. Standard — the Bristol Cy. A.S. Convention are in session here to Day at the Town Hall. I was not there at all — my own business claiming my attention, and with much to approve — there is always a good to disapprove from the promiscuous character of the actors — Mr Lambert was at tea with us, having been to the New House this afternoon with Sister Phebe — He seemed offended by the character of some of the remarks w[ch] he had heard second hand, as denunciatory of the ministry & the Church — I tried to shake him excuse the extravagance which in view of so enormous a sin as is Slavery in all its aspects against Christian benevolence is to be expected from persons of ardent feelings who devote every thing which they have to abate the evil, while those who ought to be prominent in dispelling prejudice and extending the reign of truth on this subject keep aloof or are directly or indirectly sustaining the monstrous system and its abettors — Ma chere H rather less comfortable to day. W.L. Garrison C.L. Remond and other prominent advocates of Anti Slavery are here.

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3d day 9th At home principally before breakfast. took Susan after breakfast to join her brother in his writing lessons of Nicholas Hathaway — then at the C.H. House till 11 when I went to the bathing house to give the little girls a lesson in swimming — after returning home called at Cousin Jane Rotch's to see her brother Ch. Smith now here from Phila but he was out — then I walked to the meeting of the Bristol C.H. Anti Slavery meeting which has been in session since yesterday forenoon — heard a few remarks from N. P. Rogers — about the middle of the afternoon went again to the A.S. Mg. and heard several speeches — among them one from a Col. man C.L. Remond of real power & eloquence — it surpassed my anticipations of his ability which were somewhat elevated from reports of his success in his English visit. two of the Speeches were from two of our own ministers of the Christian Connection J. St. Smith in the negative & Mr. Dean in the affirmative of a resolution denouncing the Amn Church as the Bulwark of Slavery — Remond's speech was to vindicate the Abolitionists from the charge of infidelity in which I thought him quite successful. Tracy of New Hampshire defended the Church organization with ingenuity & effect — Foster re-

joined in the most radical style denouncing the Ministers of New Bedford in no measured terms — The meeting adjourned to the W. contrary to the expressed wishes of the Authorities of the Town, the latter being apprehensive of a Riot — the adjournment was a little after Sunset — when I went to the C. H. &c. to shut up &c — after a late supper I spent some time in my chaise & his room — and at 9 went to the Town Hall to see the State of things — found the house thronged towards the door with a disorderly rabble — who by their shouts & disturbance quite drowned the voices of the Speakers — a scene of shoving and pushing soon ensued — and finally a melee in which many blows appeared to be given in the riotous crowd — when the audience who went to hear particularly the females began to withdraw and all got out without much difficulty, and no injury was sustained I think by the Abolitionists unless it was One Col.d man who was brutally attacked in making his way to the door, and rec.d a severe blow — the other personal conflicts I think was among those opposed to the Anti Slavery Cause or to the sentiments expressed by some of the Speakers particularly, if not exclu-

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lively M. Foster — who is too ultra for Garrison and his particular friends — I have the charity to believe that he is insane on the points to which the popular excitement is chiefly directed — The collection remained some time about the house. rather noisy but I heard no threats — when about 10 O'clk a cry of fire was raised. which carried the noisy populace in a S.E. direction whence a bright illumination was seen which proved to be over the water and very remote in its cause if not altogether an atmospheric phenomenon — I returned home and from the observatory listened to the clamor which continued for some time but about 11 entirely died away. and I retired to bed not without apprehension of disturbance before morning. — The lightning of yesterday forenoon struck and considerably injured a house near my brother Wm Wright's Oil works in Fairhaven — the family were not injured — they being in the other end of the house —

14th day 10th Except the trip to Errand to the Mkt. I was at home till about 10 O'clk looking over my 4th Vol of my personal Diary — then attended to some business at the Bank &

and gave some attention to operations at my mothers house. hearing some suggestions from D. Baker relative to carrying the South Entry through to the main Entry — called at Sister Annas and found Mother here on my return from dinner — Sister Anna also called to see me there & who seems rather feeble to day & yesterday — I fear she talks too much. though she endeavors to guard against it. afternoon at the Cg. House, Ev. g. at home — I do not learn that any very serious injury occurred last night — N. Fleming has a black eye — and that is all the particular injury that I have heard of — who the col. man was whom I saw strike and raised a stick to defend himself or retaliate, I have not been able to learn though I have made several enquiries.

5th day 11th Morn g. as usual at home and on an errand to Market — after breakfast to the Cg. House, Mothers &c — at 11 Oclk to the Midweek Meeting — afternoon at home looking my Journal of past years to see if I took note of Geo. Howlands notice when he was about building his north Shd wall On the Division line between our Water lots, that it struck against my small Cooperas Shop — built by Asa Russell — went to the Cg. House after tea to close for the night & stopped about an hour at the Anti Slavery Mg at the Town Hall, which was well

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6th day 12 Rose earlier than usual to go to my lot in Dartmouth with reference to the proposed return to her parents who live in the next tenement. of one of the profligate women who have been congregated in the bad houses on the north side of the road. I forbid her being taken there till by a due season of probation confidence could be warranted that her reformation was real. The proposition for her return having arisen from some united efforts now in progress on the part of some of the inhabitants of Dartmouth & their place to break up the infamous establishments of drunkenness and debauchery which have long polluted that district — I got home to a late breakfast and went to the Cy House &c — took the Children to the bath house to swim &c. detained by it being occupied as first — which made us very late in returning to dinner — finished my review of part of my Personal diary for the purpose stated yesterday but without success — transacted some business at the Cy House &c — visited Mothers house, and called on some business at Andrews — late as supper. Sis

of the Ev as home with ma chere H. who seems better to day — met a number of persons on my return from Dartmouth going on their praiseworthy but disagreeable business — The abandoned and reckless Character of the persons with whom they have to deal will make their success doubtful

4th Day 13 At home most of the morn and a considerable part of the forenoon, afterwards spent an hour at mothers and attended to a little business at the Bank &c — after dinner with the three younger Children to bathe and take a lesson in Swimming — both of the little girls can support themselves a little in the water — and before the end of the month I hope they may be able to do it much more perfectly — I returned with them as far as the Eagle House when I left Frank to drive the Carge home, he having driven the whole distance going as well as this far returning so as to satisfy me that with Mary I can to supply any deficiency of his own strength there will be no risk — I finished the afternoon at the Eagle House, and after supper went to hear C. L. Remond on Anti Slavery at the Town Hall — the meeting was well attended and he was heard with marked respect — as he well deserved to be for the interest of his thrilling subject and the ability and eloquence with which it was treated.

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When will the American people open their eyes to the monstrous sin and horrible inconsistency which they Cherish and exhibit to the unprejudiced ~~eye~~ of Reason & Conscience — Little Frank was there with me & I thot. how glad if all of our population could have heard the address —

1st day 14 At home except during the hours of the Religious services. which I attended at Friends house in the forenoon and at Grave Church in the afternoon to be present when the rite of Confirmation was administered to 13 individuals including Sister Phebe. The service was impressive as usual — Sarah Pickston spent half an hour with me there & in the ev.g —

2d. day 15th At the Bank Directors Board in the mg — at Mother's house and the C.H. House — Called at noon to see Chs & James Smith at their sister's. afternoon at the Counting house — ev.g at home I ordered the "Mercury" which I have taken from the commencement of my housekeeping, discontinued on acct. of its anti-abolition bias as indicated by its silence on the exciting occurrences of last week and, and his reference to them to day in a sneer at an article in the Register. by making the Riot which broke up the mg. on 3d. day ev.g — when life and limb were put

in jeopardy — and alarm deep extended throughout the Town — as a trifling affair — a copy of my note to the Editor may be seen in my Letter book

3. day 16th At the Cg. House till about 11 Oclk — then to the meeting of the Am. Institute of Instruction — and heard a lecture from Professor Potter of Union College on the Character & Spirit of the times as they bear upon the cause of education Intellectual & Moral — It was a sensible & interesting performance but partially lost by me in consequence of the noisy locality the Lecture being held in the N. Congregational Church — after attending to some business I went again to the mg. of the Institute and partially heard a lecture from Professor on eminent German Philologists which was interesting but imperfectly understood from cause noticed above — after the lecture I was at the Cg. House till sunset and after tea supper I went again to the meeting of the Institute which was held at the Town Hall a much better place than the Church — a discussion was held on the merits and usefulness of the Normal Schools — which was continued till after I left which was about 10 Oclk — There were several Speakers of interest — one

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of them Horace Mann who was very clear & strong in their favor — The opposition was chiefly from D. Tadd of Westport, and partly to elicit support the debate, but he spoke more and oftener than was necessary — He was speaking when I withdrew

3m° 17 14th day after breakfast went to the Town Hall to attend the Mg. of the Institute and heard a very interesting lecture from the President G. B. Emerson on the inculcation of the Christian ethics as the basis of discipline and for the impulse to persevering and successful endeavor in a School — It was so warmly approved that there was a unanimous vote of thanks and an order for the printing in anticipation of the annual Proceedings of 5000 copies for gratuitous distribution — There followed a lecture by D. Howe of the Asylum for the blinds on the Philosophy of Language which was also very interesting — In the afternoon I again attended and heard read by the Secretary part of a lecture by Mr. Vaux of Phil.a on the Girard College — when an alarm of fire obliged me to withdraw — caused by the conflagration

of Curtis Gammon's barn. which was wholly wrapped in flames when I reached the Spot. the conflagration was confined to that building and small barn contiguous which was principally saved with some injury — the fire was between Hillman & North Streets near Eph Kemptons Lumber yard — As I could not get back to hear the rem. of the lecture I went to the Cg. House and returned to the Mtg. of the Institute near the Commencet. of Murray's Lecture which was good. Subject Schools & School Discipline — Eng. went with sister Phebe and Mary & Frank to the Wf. Mtg. at Grace Church to hear Mr. Morton of Philada afterwards went to the Mtg. of the Institute of Education and heard part of the last speech of the eg discussion —

6th Day 18th Mtg. at home except a call at the Market — at the hour of our devotional reading Frs. Taber called to see me about a meeting with the Overseers in relation to my difference with Geo Haviland — after breakfast called at Uncle Williams' to see Cousin Justus Rotch & Geo. B. Emerson — did not see the latter he being at a Mtg. meeting of the Institute — saw his father Dr.

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Emerson of Flemebunke, a hearty old Gentleman of about 80 yrs of age - At 9 I went to the Mg. of the institute at the Baptist Ch.l in Williams St. and heard a Lecture by Wood on Education - and about 11 - Horace Mann gave us one of his Splendid annual addresses replete with cogent argument and beautiful imagery - After Visg. to our Sons to caution them against excessive Study at the risk of their health to secure a diploma - I went at the request of the overseers to the Mg. house to meet them and Geo. Howland - when after a mutual & candid explanation of our relative views which I have always been desirous of several misconceptions were removed on both sides - and we came to an amicable agreement, he conceding less than he ought, in as much as I think he ought to give me a way at his expense West of my Store (involving not more than $50 -) till he may have occasion to use the land to its interruption for his own purposes - but this is a small matter - and he agrees whenever I am ready to continue Water Street 40 feet wide across my dock whether before or after his wish to use the land over which the

way passes to the Westward of my Store, that he will fill his dock simultaneously to the Same width so as to carry the Street to Snelli's lot in the expectation that it will then soon be continued across Snelli & Dunfees lots to its junction with Mayfield Street — He removing of Course his building which is now in the line of the Street — This arrangement will involve the loss of my repairing dock at a period earlier than the public Good, as well as my private accommodation will require. yet as it was the only adjustment to which George would consent by the advice of the Overseers who thought that George was not very unreasonable in his demands and concessions, advised me to accede to them I did so, and I trust the long pending dissatisfaction will wholly cease and the friendly relations heretofore subsisting between us be fully restored — I endeavored to get him to guaranty that when he might have occasion to stop the way to the west of my Store which he now agrees to allow me to make for my accommodation, and he should make the Street across his dock as above, that the parties to the North should at the Same time continue or make and complete it to its junction with Mayfield St.: in which case the public would not be

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obliged to go from my lot by Hillman Street, as they must do whether my Dock is filled or not, till such junction is completed ~~till that work is done~~, which communication will not be in the least improved by crossing my repaired Dock because the width North of my South Store is about double what it is on the South side of my North Store, and more than equal to the whole width of Hillman Street. But as he would do no otherwise it was best to come to the agreement we did — and thus restore Concord and good fellowship — A memorandum of the agreement is to be drawn up by Mr. Sherman at his convenience to avoid any future misconception — The interview occupied near two hours — after which I returned home and after tea called at Mothers and the Post Office and finished the ev'g at the closing Discussion of Institute — in returning I walked home with L. Hoar & Geo. B. Emerson. who leaves town to-morrow — The meetings have been of general interest, and I doubt not that permanent good will result to this Com'y from the just and enlightened views which in the several Sessions have been thrown before our Citizens and the Strangers assembled on the occasion. Mr. Che

H. went below Staiis yesterday to see Mr. Morton and Jas. Smith — but suffered a little from the exertion and too much conversation from which she finds it difficult to restrain herself — Cousin Rotch called to see her to-day also Mr Lambert —

6th day 19 At home a considerable part of the forenoon Wm. spent in looking after the proceedings at Mothers house, which are now in a state of considerable forwardness most of the projected alterations being made but probably requiring a month or 6 weeks to complete the job — Called at Mothers — in the afternoon remained some time at home with Ma chez H. who I think is not quite so well from too much company or rather talking too much and talking too much interest or feeling too much anxiety in relation to the Children &c — Chr. Smith made her a visit to day but he knows so well what her case requires that he entertained her by his conversation and restrained her from exerting her lungs — I was the latter part of the afternoon at the Whf &c. making some admeasurements with reference to an early fulfilment of the condition on which by the recent agreement I can have Water St. extended to my Wharf property — Eve. at home —

7th day 20th Morng. at home except the

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visit to the Mkt. took the little girls & Frank to bathe at 9 O'Clk. and devoted the rem.r of the day principally to Cg. Hall engagement — Stopped at mothers on my return and joined her at a Commodious repast. — Rem.r of the d.y at home except an errand to the Druggists for ma Chere H. who has felt less well than usual to day

1.st Day 2d At meeting as usual thro' the day and in the e.v.g at Grace Church where Mr. Morton of Phil.a preached — Jas. Smith called to see ma Chere H — as did also Sister Rebecca & Anna her daughter — bro.r Wm was also here — I passed most of the time not occupied as above reading to my wife the life of Col. Gardner. who was a memorable instance of piety in the Camp-. a striking illustration of the goodness and mercy of God to those who though steeped in errors & perhaps of the most abhorrent kind to the benignant Spirit of the Gospel who follow with fidelity the light which they have received — In the forenoon M.g. to day Ezra Hathaway made an exhortation (though not a member of the Society and some years since a very degraded character. from which he appears to have truly reformed un-

der the visitation which his evil courses drew upon him, which exhortation was accompanied with a manner indicating great humility and sincerity, and as far as I could judge was not offensive to any — the attention given was respectful and the solemnity of the mg. was, I think, rather heightened than impaired. ~~In the evg. I went to~~

2. day 22 — Attended at the Bank Directors meeting — and attended for a short time to the Popes Island business then went to bathe the Children which owing to the preoccupation of the bath House consumed most of the forenoon — then took ma Chere H. to ride — went about a mile to the north I hope with advantage to the dear invalid — then to the bank, mothers' & mothers house — afternoon wrote letters for the N. Y. Express but missed by a minute the Conveyance — went at the wharf considering the subject of the extension of Wales St — evg after a late supper at home

3d. day 23 principally at home before breakfast at 9 Oclk set off for a bathing expedition with the 3 younger Children made some preparations to avoid delay if the Bath house should be occupied by making a temporary tent or Screen for the little girls while changing their dresses

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We went up in the little boat, and found our preparations useful as the house was occupied, and we went in from the Shore above — On returning went with Mrs Chen H. for a Short ride made a Stop at Bro. Bunn's — at their Cottage which is to be their future abode — it is very snug & Comfortable as well as pretty Mary went with us and Frank acted as driver — afternoon at the G. Home He w.g. at home. D. Read with his wife called as did Robt. Murray & G. Riddell the latter principally with Mary & the Children din the Observatory observing some of the planets through the Telescope. Mrs Chen H. seems better this w.g.

4th. Day 24th about home till after 1 then went to give the little girls a lesson in Swimming, prepard to pitch a tent on the Shore but as the water was rough on the West Side and the Bath house not in use we went there, after returning in the Boat — I went to ride with Mrs Chen H. to Jos. Congdon's house, afternoon principally at home — Mrs at the G. Home, w.g. at home — Sister Phebe & Mary at Bro. Williams to tea &c

5th Day 25th M.G. at home except an errand to the market — after breakfast at the Bank, (mothers house and mott

eve — thence to meeting — latter part of the afternoon at the Cg. House. evg. at home 6th day 26th. At home most of the mg & forenoon remr. at mothers house &c — had an interview with Mrs M.c Farlane on the subject of Moral Reform in which she is now engaged with all the Zeal which she has devoted or shown in the Temp.ce Cause. called at mothers, and in the afternoon principally occupied in writing an article for the papers in aid of Mrs M.c Farlane's labors — afterward made another call at mothers building and spent a short time at the Cg. House. evg. at home — Sister Sarah & two little girls were with us at tea, and Charles called to see the two elder home, and I accompanied him to see my sister whom I had not seen since their return from Pennsylvania — was there &c. seems better to day 7th day 27th At home mrg in the morning at Mothers House &c till 11 A.M. when I went with the little girls to bathe & swim little Ellen swam 10 or 15 feet without assistance — erected a tent or screen for them at Pages Island which we found a very retired place with good water — detained rather late for dinner — afternoon at mothers House &c and a short time at the Cg. House evg. at home.

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2d day 29th Attended at the Com'l Bank and was industriously occupied through the day in preparing to leave home with ma Chere H & Mary on an excursion into the interior of the State for the benefit of the health of the former, and in Consultations with the workmen & with my brother Williams in relation to the out buildings and yard for the different tenements of my brothers house — engaged latter part of the afternoon and Evg. at the Comm'l. house

3d. day Sun 30th — Morning Spent in writing and making arrangements for leaving town at home till about Noon When I went to the Store Bank &c to make my final preparations — Which I Completed just in time to admit of our getting in time to save our passage in the Cars — by omitting my dinner — called at mothers to take leave before Starting — I Saw a little business to do for Charles which I was unable to accomplish at the Bedford depot and therefore did it at the Saunter Office expecting to meet A.D. Hatch and send the papers back by him but as the trains stopped not at all in passing this could not be effected and it must therefore suffice to send it by mail tomorrow — We were set down at the U.S. Hotel about about half past Six Oclock — and got comfortable rooms on the first floor above the Street on the

northerly side — after tea, which was in rather an exposed eating Room I took a walk with Mary down Washington Street, returning by Tremont, Winter Elliot &c 4th day 31st In U.S. Hotel Reading Room & I passed the time before breakfast — and spent the forenoon with Mary in visiting the Athenaeum Gallery of Paintings & that of Sculpture — and in visiting the Bunker Hill Monument and taking a birds eye view from the Summit — met with a little delay in gaining a Seat in the returning Car — for Brattle St — the point whence we started — Thence we walked to our lodgings and made preparations for proceeding by taking an early Dinner &c — Set off in the train for Worcester at half past 4 P.M. & reached the Worcester house" about 6 O'Clock" where we took lodgings — walked in the City

with Mary for half an hour in the Principal St. Here we have little to complain of except the free Current of Air which Sweeps through the open hall & eating room, which give me some uneasiness on acc^t. of my wifes health, who hitherto seems not to be injured by the journey

5^th. day 9^mo. 8 — At home most of the Morning — took a walk towards noon with Mary — to the north part of the Town — in which we had many pleasant Views of the Surrounding Country from the high grounds — After Dinner went with Mrs Russell & her nieces to see the Gen^l. Hospital for the Insane under the guidance of Mr. Haven the Librarian of the Antiquarian Society which party I made interest to join — we went over the establishment conducted by the assistant Physician D. Bee, where Mr. Haven could not as well guide us — which he did in those parts where the Patients were not in considerable numbers — as in the basement where the baking Cooking washing &c. were done

I lingered behind the others to see the male patients — by one of whom I was recognized though I did not know him — his name is Norton of Fairhaven and is rapidly convalescent he has been here but a few months — and will probably be very soon sent home — a brother of one of our Townsmen E. Billings Cooper, was also there he had been here as he s. 5 or 6 years and his is not an encouraging case — he with another were playing on the Violin and Norton to join them in Singing preparatory to their exercise in their devotions in the Chapel on Sundays — which is found to be a very important auxiliary to the Self Control and good conduct of the inmates — On leaving I stopped at the "County House" as the Jail & H. of Cor." is called — and heard a Justices' trial for assault & battery — I was much pleased with the dignity and intelligence which the Magistrate evinced in detecting and exposing the inconsistent and partial statements of the witnesses and the sophistry of the Council for the Def

and in awarding due credit to the simple statements of the plaintiffs who were poor Indian & his wife — by which their complaint of an assault & battery technical was established — Would our Police Judge exercise similar independence & legal skill great benefit I think would result to our Com'y. in point of good morals and public decorum — Enj. at our lodgings with Mrs Russell & nieces and their friends — who called to take leave of them

Aug. 30. Occupied in preparations for leaving home during the morning & — not without misgivings as to the propriety of doing so — not inconsiderable alloy to the pleasure with which such preparations are usually made. After taking leave of sister & four dear little ones we proceeded to the Depot — after a pleasant glide thro' Dedham & Needham by the Mount Hauns arrived at Boston about 1/2 past 6. & took lodgings at the U.S. Hotel — in the morning Mary accompanied her Father to the Bunker

6th day 2d. Remained at home viz at the hotel most of the forenoon. Accompanied Eliz. Russell and her proteges to the Cars in which they took seats for Boston & New Bedford where they expect to arrive this eve. — Madam H. took a short walk to Harris' Book Store before dinner — She does not seem to improve much & we shall probably leave here for Longmeadow to-morrow — The open doors and windows keeping the house so cool that she is liable to be made worse rather than better by remaining longer here — We must seek smugger quarters in a more humble town. — I passed the afternoon reading the Spiritual Guide — and near Sunset walked with Mary to the hill by Gov. Lincoln's house — and north of it — towards Mr Salisbury's pew-

ises — returning by a private path which descended the hill and brot us to the Main Street through D^r Green's premises — — After tea Mrs Chenery and Mary retired to their rooms and I went to the temperance meeting to hear the Speakers of the Convention of Mass^tts Washingtonian Total Abstinence Society wch has been in Session in this Town to Day — The M.H. was very large — the new Town house being well filled with an attentive auditory — — Sett Sprague of Duxbury presided and introduced in succession Caps. Holbrook of Boston Mr. Lockhart of Charleston — Williams of Berkshire, Thompson of Bedford, Allen — & Bonner of Northampton besides several others whose names have escaped my recollection — The Speakers were limited to 15 minutes each and closed by singing — with much zest two Temperance Songs in which many of the auditory took part in the Chorus — I think the M.H. will give a great impulse to the Cause

Hall Monument. - & to the Academy of Fine Art. or Athenaeum - while I remained to rest in the room we had lodged in. - at ½ past 3 set out for Worcester. our journey quite exhilerating both to body & mind. - my malady scarcely heeded. or gave me no token of its pursuit - We arrived at the Worcester House when my husband wished us to remain for a week. - but the house is eternally open - & presenting no cheerful views from it & being unable to walk my time here has been most drearily spent. when left alone the more so as I have taken from the ef-

possum incident to taking our meals
in the public room & a cold wheel
has brought with it the depressing
feelings incident to the season —

The boats have supplied a
reasonable & I have read several
that have beguiled the heavy hours. —

To mention the theme of a change
but every thing is left to me. Having
left home under such circumstances I
feel as if the responsibility thus thrown
upon me of deciding was heavy
enough to take away all the delicate
cheerfulness that is mine. —
I am sorry that my choice fails the
decision as a disheartening responsibil-
ity — I only wish her to let me know her
choice and I shall take pleasure in
promoting its accomplishment —
and will take upon myself the decis-
ion if she will allow me to read her
wishes —

6th Day — made preparations for leaving Worcester for Northampton — wrote home to apprise them of our movements and to the Postmaster to forward letters if any arrived, which has not yet been the Case. left Worcester in the train for Springfield and stopped at Wilbraham — where we found a Stage for Northampton — which was well filled inside and out — all very agreeable within except some of the concomitants of infancy — the family of Professor Warner of Amherst College 6 in number being of the party — the road dusty and ride slow — Wilbraham being about 16 miles from Worcester which we reached in about 2 hours, Northampton 15 miles from Wilbraham which we were set down about 3 O'Clock — The journey however was not very unpleasant — the variety in the mode of travelling was for a while agreeable — the day warm which suited our invalids — and the Scenery after leaving the Cars more varied

and striking — We stopped at the Mansion house, where we were on our journey of 1839 with Sister Phebe, which left very agreeable impressions — and we now anticipate a confirmation of these — The Mountain Scenery being full in view from this location which of itself is an object of much interest to us who are familiar principally with the level or slightly undulating surface of Bristol County — After a late dinner with one of our fellow passengers, the others having left us at the lower Inn "Warners" I attempted a walk with Mary but we were soon warned by a little sprinkling to return — which we did with considerable haste and were not incommoded by the rain — which was copious after our return, attended with thunder and vivid lightning in the early part of the evening — Ma chere H & Mary retired early and I spent an hour in looking over the 9th Report

of the Trustees of the Gen.l Hospital for the Insane at Worcester, which was given me on our visit to that noble institution

1.st day 4th Occupied before breakfast in writing up my Journal for yesterday — Met my Cousin Edith Bowen in the Parlor having learned that she & her husband and Two Children have been spending about two weeks at this house — they were with us at tea last evg — but having no expectation of seeing any of my acquaintance, much less my kindred at the table I did not more than give a casual glance enough to recognise a resemblance to her family — but my wife and daughter were more particular in their observation and when they retired from the table enquired of the waiter and had their suspicions confirmed — They are here for the health of Mr. Bowen who has been very ill with several hemorrages from the lungs and other causes which have rendered his permanent recovery a matter of much anxiety with his friends and

particularly to his devoted wife who is one of the fondest and most careful mothers — Mr. B. I never saw before, he seems like a very amiable intelligent and agreeable man — he expects to go with his wife to St. Croix the approaching winter which is a painful anticipation to his wife who will be obliged to separate herself from her Children — probably by leaving them with their paternal grandfather at Wyoming Penn[a] — Our meeting them is a very pleasant incident, and tends to heighten in the estimation of my wife & daughter the Superiority which they had previously given to this house and place over the place and house where we were at Worcester — After breakfast took a walk with Mary & about a mile on our way to the Episcopal Church — where we heard the prescribed Service and a Sermon from the rector Mr. Clark — After dinner — I went to the proper hour 2 O'clock to the Unitarian Church — and to my

surprise saw our fellow travellers from Worcester and fellow Lodgers Rev Mr Packard enter the pulpit — he gave us an interesting discourse in a very appropriate and becoming manner — I had no suspicion of his being a Clergyman — his youthful appearance suggesting the idea that preparing for that Profession he must probably be only in its earlier stages — Mary remained at home with her mother — and after I returned to them — we all walked out to enjoy the beauties of the Scenery and the delicious air — The day having been one of surpassing loveliness — after tea Mary and I walked in another direction — and thus closed our physical movements — found Ma Chase & Mrs in the Ladies parlor with Cousin Eliz! on our return — and soon retired retired to our rooms and read a chapter & prayer by Doddridge —

2d day 5th Rain in the night followed by a rainy forenoon detained us within doors till about the middle of the afternoon — The time being spent in conversation among ourselves & with our fellow boarders, reading &c very agreeably — Mr Packard left us in the Stage at 10 O'Clk on his return to Providence via Boston and we availed of the opportunity to forward a letter homeward, to be mailed at Boston — We found him a very agreeable young man — about 3 O'Clk Mary & I took a walk to the ferry near the East of Mount Holyoke — and Ma came to join our friends in a ride — which She found very pleasant as was our walk — The weather delightful — mild and the Sky Curtained with detached Clouds through which the Sun broke at intervals formed a lovely Celestial Vault — a fit accompaniment to the Amphitheater of mountains & hills which formed Scenery so interesting below — We reached home about 5 P. O'Clk. and had the pleasure of receiving favorable intelligence from

home all being well on the 2. Instant
after tea had a pleasant time in the
Parlor with our friends — the Ladies
retired at an early hour. & Mr Brower
& Self continued our talks till 9 when
he retired, and I came to our room
finding — ma Chere H & Mary being
already locked in the arms of Sleep —
ma Chere H. has passed a better day
I think than any one since we left
home — The agreeable Society of
Mrs & Her husband — forming with
the comfortable accommodations &
fine locality of our Quarters, a very
favorable Contrast to the State of things
which She Experienced at Worces-
ter — So that I hope She may be
made much better by this Sojourn
to which we shall probably attend
to the middle or latter part of
the week.

3. day 6th The morning being very
fine Mary and I set off in a Buggy
wagon for Mt Holyoke — The weather
being cool enough for a Sunbeam We

Aug. 3. — We left Worcester at 9 in the morning in the Cars for Holbrook Junction this scenery not very attractive but in its features unlike ours came to Holbrook where we took in Company with Professor Warner & Lady of Amherst. Arrived at 1/2 past 3 O'clock at this beautiful place where we decided to remain for several days Met there our Cousin E Brainerd & her husband. She an amiable & lovely young woman. He a young man of taste & intelligence. With a countenance ~~beaming~~ of much interesting appearing but in poor health. — We retired after tea to our room which were very comfortable — after a social evening the Ghost retired — Awoke up to a peerless day the next morning — Aug 4 was introduced Brudelock to our Cousin & our breakfast & then many accom

parted her father to Chinet - That at
Home. reading Doddridge Adam's in
the spectacle from the Mountains &
the deep green of the lowland Valleys
- afternoon took a Quiet walk - -
two hours - among scenes of beauty
& quiet that imparted their own
serene influences -

Aug 5. Morning. very rainy. work
books &c. - afternoon it cleared &
I went with Mr & Mrs B. to Oak
field. a drive of several miles
very delightful - the pine woods
& trees. - evening in the parlour
in pleasant Conversation. -

I feel much better than at
Worcester. & I hope I shall find
not only find the pain Hygeia
among the mountains - but make
it such with her to return & be a
permanent guest with me - a delight
ful letter from home. & good accounts
from Eddy. & that about whom I have
been so anxious

turned back to provide myself with that garment — and to get a Spy glass to extend our sight our view from the mountain — The road was washed by the late rains near the Commencement of the ascent so that we thought it imprudent to pass the space of a few rods on foot. when resuming our seat we rode to the foot path — and after detaching the horse from the vehicle and securing him to a tree. we completed the ascent by the rough and steep path and gained the summit about 10 o'clk. — and gazed with delight on the beautiful and diversified map below — and on the more extended field of vision — embracing the mountains of 5 States in its magnificent outline some points of which were 70 - to 80 miles distant — The person who supplies travellers or visitors with refreshments to restore their vigor temporarily impaired by the labor of the ascent — soon followed us and sup-

plied us with lemonade and cake — after spending about 1½ hours on the summit — we descended — and took the road on the East side of the river through old Hadley on our return which led us over the verdant and luxuriant meadows and by the Bridge across the Connecticut back to our lodgings which we reached in good time for dinner the road to the base of the Mountain by the ferry being about 2 miles and by the bridge about 7 — Read after dinner in my wife's room till 4½ O'clk when I accompanied her on a walk — which we extended to the dist. of a mile, going & returning — She being so much interested in the objects and views constantly claiming our notice that she scarcely was sensible of weariness till our approach to our home. when

we were again a little before the hour for tea — after tea I walked with Mary till near the close of twilight and then joined Cousin Ed & her husband with ma chere H. who were in the Garden till near 9 Oclk. — passing the time very agreeably — Mr Partridge has an accession of ten or a dozen travellers to day to his household — a very pleasing circumstance for this season which has been very unfavorable for his business — the transient travel being almost wholly diverted from the route through this Place by the Western Rail Road through Springfield —

4th day 7th Spent most of the forenoon within doors, the weather being too cool and damp to tempt ma chere H. or Mary to walk out — but about noon I went with Mary to see her friend Alice Allen who is at Miss Dwights Seminary at this

place — left Mary at the Seminary and returned to take Mrs Chase H. to walk out for exercise, and air which by the breaking forth of the sun had become mild and bland, and to explore some other of the pleasant walks which invite the Stranger to follow them as his leisure and strength will permit to enjoy from new points the beauties which distinguish this locality — We returned about dinner time after having been foiled in our attempts to gain a short route home by tracing the Canal, because a single plank formed too narrow a bridge for my wife to venture to cross to the towing bank — After dining arrangements were made to ride and see David Mack & wife who have joined the "Northampton Association of Education & Industry" — a little before 4 we set off in a carriage with L. Baldwin & Eliz.a Brower in addition to our own party — stopped at the Silk mans — and by the politeness of Professor Adam. who is Secy of the Assoc.

We were shown the process of winding the silk — and the Cocoonry where the worms were at work — and the Shop where the finished sewing Silk was packed — which interested us very much — after leaving the Factory we proceeded a little further to the house of Mr Mark, and saw the whole family — in their little Cottage quite simple and somewhat Rustic — and made a pleasant visit of an hour — rode home by another road and arrived in good season for tea — after a very agreeable journey

— after tea I conversed for an hour with B. Brower, the ladies having retired to their rooms. Cousin Ed's little boy being unwell with inflamation of the gums. — with which he has been troubled for some time. Her little William was put in great peril by the heedlessness of the driver of a Carriage which drove up to the hotel while he was Standing near the road — It was a negligence on the part of the driver altogether inexcusable. and for which he should be dismissed from an employment for which he is unfit — as proved by his reckless driving in this instance and by the absence of all proper concern for the risk of fatal injury to which the little

fellow was thereby exposed.

5th. day 8th Remained at our lodgings most of the forenoon reading the Tariff bill &c — at 10 O'clk. took a walk with B. Bowers — and after our return I accompanied ma Chere H. in a walk to Round Hill the beautiful Seite of the School formerly kept by Coggeshall & Bancroft — two new houses have been erected since the School was suspended — One of which owned by Edw and Clark is large & elegant — with a commodious Green house and extensive garden — the gardner being busy with the plants near the road we stopped to examine them a little — In the afternoon I was at home except a walk with my wife to, and along the bank of a portion of the Licking water River — Mary took a long ride with Mr. Bowers — and had a call & walk & visit in the eve. from her former School associate Alice Allen, now a schooler in the Seminary here. after tea

I went to the Town hall to hear an Anti-
Slavery lecture from
apparently a Negro — which was a ve-
ry sensible discourse on the existing
prejudice which is entertained by the
White against the Colored inhabitants
of the Northern and non-Slaveholding
States — his language and manner
were good — and he was listened
to with respectful attention by an
audience which was about sufficient
to fill the Seats of the house — On
returning a little after 9 O'clock I
accompanied Alice Allen to her home
at Miss Dwights. — The weather has
been fine through the day — but clou-
dy — with some rain the latter part
of the day — Saw the New Moon as
I went to the meeting —
6th day 9th A Rainy night succeeded by
a damp & rainy day has confined our
Party principally to the hotel, as also
our agreeable Cousins — and the Chilli-
ness made it necessary to have recourse
to artificial heat, and fires in our rooms

were kindred much to our comfort
— looked over the papers and into the
little work of Miss Martineau on Nor-
way in the forenoon, in the after-
noon made some errands with Mr.
ry to the Shops, and also a call on
my former acquaintance Sylvester Com-
bean — where I spent an hour with
him, or more, in gaining information
of welfare engagements &c since we
last met — by which it appears that
he has had to meet many difficulties
and disappointments and afflictions
mostly induced by extraordinary mental
labor to which he was too continuously
subjected in consequence of losses and
failures. by which he was disappoin-
ted & stripped of the pecuniary results
of his exertions by his oral and pub-
lic lectures & a very painful
and dangerous disease & sickness be-
ing a part of his experience. He is

now engaged on a theological work to be published in numbers called the Philosophy of Sacred History — I was detained by my visit to Tille a little after the Tea hour — after which as usual I had the comply & conversation of Mr. Brower in our room and mamma & Mary enjoyed the company of cousin Elizabeth in their room — And thus has been passed the first Stormy day of our journey in an agreeable & not useless manner. B.B. being very well informed on most topics of common interest, and an instructive as well as pleasing Conversationist —

7th. day 10th. A fine morning promising a pleasant day removed the doubt &c. the Storm of yesterday left upon our wishes to leave Northampton where we shall have passed a week very agreeably for Springfield this day — The same or a similar doubt was also thus cleared up in reference to

the departure for Hartford & our conversing the Bowers and family — according they set off about 9 Oclk. and we made preparations for leaving for Springfield after dinner — Mary had a call from her friend Alice Allen & went with her to walk, which resulted in a Sketch by Mary of a small portion of the interesting Scenery which is constantly exhibited to the observant pedestrian as he wends his way along the various roads and rural streets which distinguish this Town above all others that I know as a temporary retreat in Summer from the routine of Cares at home — Mrs Chere H. made a call on Mrs Professor Warner who with her husband, and young Children were our fellow passengers from Worcester — This accomplished — we made our final arrangements for taking our departure ~~from~~ in the Stage from Brattleborough for Hartford on its passage through Northampton about 3 to 4 Oclk as for

as Springfield — A little before 11 we were on our way with 4 or 5 other passengers — and after a pleasant ride of 3 hours reached Springfield and took lodgings at the U. S. hotel kept by Mariner where this note is made. Having found no redundancy of lodgers to make any difficulty in securing suitable accommodations, as we had some fear might be the case. We took supper in peculiar neat style of this house, soon after which the ladies retired, and left me to finish the ev. in reading writing &c —

5th day 11 — The weather being unfavorable for walking for invalids at least ma chere has remained within doors Mary & I went to the Episcopal Church in the forenoon, there was del: a good discourse on the raising by the Saviour of the son of the poor widow at the Gate of Nain for the bier that was bearing him to the place of interment in addition to the Church service as prescribed, the recto

the Rev. Henry Lee, formerly a teacher in the Academy in our town, officiating — The church is new, a neat building, in Style Gothic or approximating thereto — there was a Shower when the Mg. broke up but the distance being short from our lodgings and umbrellas prevented any considerable inconvenience to us — in the afternoon Mary staid with her mother and I went with Mrs Warriner to Dr. Osgood's Church. and heard a good sermon from the Rev. Mr. Wood of West Springfield gave us a good Sermon from the text I could wish myself accursed if he might win his brethren the jews to Christ — understanding the word accursed as meaning only the temporal and physical evils which had to be encountered even to death itself which by the zealous advocates of the Christian faith — The object of the preacher being

to encourage in the Christian Churches
something of the earnest and uncon-
querable Zeal which was manifest-
ed in the example of Paul for pro-
moting the Cause of the true Re-
ligion — for sustaining and extend-
ing the various instrumentalities
now in action for the Conversion
of the inhabitants of heathen lands
and for the religious training of the
children of our own by means of
Sunday Schools — to which latter
subject the attention of the same Con-
gregation had been directed in the morn-
ing the Rev. Mr. Emerson Agt. of the Am.
S.S. Union — At the close of this Ser-
vice I returned to the Public house
and took a walk with Mary thro'
part of the Town — till the commence-
ment of the Service of the Un. Cong.
which was held in the Episcopal
Church — their own being undergoing

alterations and an enlargement. The Sermon by the Rev. W. C. Peabody was on the text of St Paul "I have fought the good fight & kept the faith. henceforth &c" which was very solemn and interesting — after tea I walked to the R.R. Depot — The weather having become very pleasant — and on returning stopped into the meeting of the Washingtonian Temp.ce Society and heard several short Speeches — from which as well as by private conversation with individuals at the close of the mg. I gained the information which I wanted in regard to the progress of the Temp.ce Reform in this Town — and found it was much more advanced than I was led to fear by the frequency with which the "toddy Stick" has been in requisition at my lodgings. and the appearance of Drinking which the other public houses exhibit — On return I found that the Rev H. Lee & his Sister Mrs Hawes had made a

call on us — I regret my absence principally on acc.t of the exertion which the talking occasioned me there H. which was too much for her to sustain for so long a time alone — Their Stay having been protracted by the momentary expectation that I should in J. appear, — as I proposed at starting to be absent only for a short walk:

2.d day 12 Rose in time to take a walk before breakfast to ascertain about the Stage for Long Meadow — found that it went at One O'clk after breakfast and a conversation with one of the gentlemen (Mr. Ferguson) whose acquaintance we made yesterday — we took a walk to the hill where the U. S Armory is located — returning walked to Mr. Hastings place and through her yard to see the fountains — the standing jeque which was in the pond when we were there in 1839 is removed to the S. W. Corner of

the house giving place to a reclining figure of Neptune with his
trident in the Pond which is well
showered by the returning wa-
ter of the jet — the extreme warmth
of the weather prevented any fur-
ther extension of our walk — but
I took Mary out again to see the
River by the margin of which we
walked from a point between the
two bridges to the point or place
where the Steamboat from Hart-
ford land — two of which we
saw come up — The Phenix Boat
crowded with Passengers and the
Connecticut soon after her with a
less number — we had a large
number of the Passengers to dine
at Warners — one of whom told
me that it was very uncomfort-
able onboard from the heat. Af-
ter dining at the well appointed
and sumptuous table for which
the house has become famous
I paid the price of luxury $12 for
2 days — and took our departure
from the inconsequential establish-

ment which furnishes meals fit
for a prince where I have no stim-
ulating drinks. — and at the same
time deals out the Alcoholic poison
to the slave of a morbid appetite in
the Bar Room, from which I was
annoyed even on the first day of the
week in the room adjacent by the
sound of the toddy stick in the
manipulations required to dis-
guise the fiery fluid in its pas-
sage to the diseased organ which
craved the momentary ease and
excitement to be procured by ~~the~~ the
application the poisonous dose w
had engendered the disease under
which they were laboring, and ch
if not staid by "total Abstinence"
will lead them through the gutte
to the drunkard's grave — We
had a pleasant ride in the Stage
ourselves the only passengers to Lon
Meadows, where we find very com
fortable accommodations at
Cottons where we expect to spend
a few days — The heat of the
weather kept us within doors

mostly till after tea when we took a pleasant walk through part of the village which is larger and wears an appearance of competence in the residents who are principally farmers to a greater or degree than I anticipated — The cry is to build that windows made opened are necessary for comfort

3? day 13th The night was so warm that we found it necessary to sleep with the windows open in order to be comfortable — which is what we have not done before this year — but the heat abated towards morning and rain to day with a change of wind to the Northward, has made it quite cool this eve — I walked to the River side before breakfast about a mile and was hastened on my return by a sprinkling of rain which was followed by gentle showers in the forenoon — I took a second walk — towards the meadow before noon and at the invitation of Mr Williams I went to his house

where he lives in great apparent discomfort a bachelor of upwards of 60 — it being in 1715 the same which was built by his Grandfather D. Williams who was captured by the Indians in their attack upon Deerfield in the 1703 - or 1704 — then 11 years old and after two years Captivity was liberated — after which he prepared for admission and passed through Harvard College, studied divinity and presided as pastor for the Parish 66 years — he has some relics and memorials of the aborigines and early settlers of the Anglo Saxon Race which have some interest — but the tardy manner in which he produced them more tedious by the intervening exhibition of some ordinary prints through a Perspective Glass which I could not without disappointing him in his kind efforts to please decline to look at — that I could not liberate myself from him till the dinner hour was announced to me when Mr & Mary — who wondered

at my absence — A direct invitation to take my wife & daughter over to see the "old fort" as he called it I accepted conditionally and as they were disposed to go I spent another half hour with them when we but excused ourselves from the task of an examination of his Pictures on the score of the ill health of One of our Party — we afterward ventured to trespass a little on the premises of One of the wealthy inhabitants of this place by walking over his private way to the meadow — and enjoy the beautiful landscape from the table land above — which is of a very striking character partaking of the beauty of the scenery at Northampton with less of mountain sublimity — after tea we had a call from Mr Burt & Mr Bliss - acquaintances of Thos A Greene's — on whose and as his friends & fellow townsmen we are indebted for the kindness manifested to promote our comfort. by offering the loan of their chaises to

for the jaunts which we have been contemplating to the Carpet Manufactory & the Shaker Village —

4th day 14th I took a walk of about 1, or 2 miles on an S.E. route from the Street before breakfast which direction is in strong contrast with the land on the west particularly the meadows — After breakfast Mr Colton in conjunction with the kindness of Mr Bliss furnished us with a nice little Carryall and horse with which we set off for Thompson Ville to see the Carpet Manufactory &c — The weather appeared rather unpromising but turned out quite favorable, and we had a very pleasant jaunt — much interested in the different processes of the Carpet Manufacture which was new to all of us — or at least the weaving which was too intricate to permit a transient inspection to direct the production of the beautiful results so accurately and with such facility produced as in air of mystery — The Rug making was more comprehensible to slight observation — The walk to the river was very pleasant also — and by taking the road to Enfield from the village and extending our

ride through the Street we had many fine prospects of great extent both on the east and west side, as well as a view of Gen Thompsons new house which is finely situated on a gentle declivity with the front land which probably extends 40 or 50 rods on the Street appropriated to Grass and Garden making a fine appearance. we were told that the cost was about $100,000. he is the principal owner of the Cotton Manufactory which under the new tariff promises to be a good business — After dinner we again availed ourselves of our pleasant little equipage to visit the Shaker Settlement in Canfield — Contrary to my expectation the road lies through a barren & uninteresting country — in some places presenting Surfaces of Sand unrelieved by the least Vegetable life — & for long Reaches without human habitation or the appearance of human industry — through small Pine or other Woods — so that we for some part of the way more uncertain

which was the right way, and without the opportunity of gaining information from others — but the end proved that we had not deviated from our true course and after passing a space of about 3 Miles we emerged in the Shakers district which was of a very good appearance — Stopping at the first family — we were not encouraged to remain but allowed to think that we might be more gratified at the large or Central family — whither we proceeded, and after surmounting a little hesitation on the part of the elderly women who met them — my wife and daughter were enabled to gratify their curiosity to a pretty satisfactory extent, this being the first time that Mary had seen any of this singular people — while they were engaged with the women I walked about the farm yard premises but saw but one of the men to hold any conversation, the others being at their work in the hay field &c —

we got back to our lodgings about Sunset. after a very pleasant excursion — In the ev we had a fire in our room to correct the chilliness of the cloudy atmosphere — and were visited by Mr & Mrs Bliss — and Mr Burt — who proved themselves very interesting as well as very kind people to us strangers — We did expect to make any acquaintances beyond the inmates of the Inn — Mr Burt appears to be an intelligent and enterprising and thriving farmer, as well as otherwise wealthy — by his experience & observation these are very few if any Districts in the whole United States better adapted to reward with ease & competence this important class of our citizens.

5th. day 25th. According to our plan we rose early and prepared our baggage for a homeward movement. by taking our seats in the Stage from Hartford for Springfield — Accordingly about 9 Oclk we took our departure through the weather was un-

pleasant and from the N.E. Coast of the Wind we could not hope for a sudden return of fine weather — But the expectation of meeting our boys at Springfield on the arrival of the Hartford boats about 11½ Oclk. — and a little impatience to change again our quarters, made me to adhere to her decision to go forward as the Stage & Cars would protect her from much exposure to the weather — Mr Bliss called as we were on the Point of leaving the Inn — We arrived in due course, having a full Stage, and were set down at "Warriners" where we remained and dined, having of course a first rate dinner — and also comfortable Parlors — I went to the river on the arrival of the Boats, but our Sons were not among the passengers — At the hotel we met Mary Ann Barker (that was) and found that she was married to Richard Howland, and I suppose they were now on their bridal excursion — Daniel we only saw, at Dinner and for a moment or two as we were sitting off for the Depot — The train started about

1/2 O'clk — and we arrived with no unusual incidents about 4 1/2 O'Clk. at the Am.n Temp.ce House and took lodgings — to ascertain the correctness of the favorable Reports which we had heard of it since we were last here — and thus far things look favorable — We learned at Springfield that my Uncle William & wife were there yesterday or the day before on their way to Albany. I wrote a note to Sam.l Williams & returning his Kaleidoscope before leaving Long Meadow — and also two to Edw.d & Thos at Springfield to apprise them of our movements if by any means they should arrive there this ev.g. and not have decided as we suppose they have, not to come by this route

6th day 16th Rose pretty early and made preparation for resuming our journey homewards in the 9 O'clk train — But as the weather was raining and too unpleasant for ma Chere M's State of health we concluded to wait for the Afternoon Cars — I went with Edward Southwick who is now an assistant of Mr Adams

as he was in 1839 of Mr Porter's to the plough manufactory hoping at the same time that I should there see the famous Elihu Burritt who has made himself partially master of upwards of 50 languages, as he is there employed at his trade as a blacksmith in the Iron department — but I was disappointed in this particular — I spent a little time in looking at the operations of some of the machinery — what struck me most was the facility with which half inch Iron after being perforated of the size required for the internal screws of the nuts for screw bolts, was cut by a dye working into a square hole of about an inch & a quarter side by a powerful lever purchase with an apparent ease and precision as though the material instead of the toughest metal had been only of the consistence of cheese — Mr. E. Burritt had not been at the shop for several days to do much work — E. B. thought it probable that he might be studying in the antiquarian

Hall — and we accordingly called there — but were again disappointed but I saw Mr. Haven whose acquaintance I made at the Worcester House on our former transit and who was our polite conductor in company with Eliz.a Russell and her sisters through the Lunatic Hospital — The weather continuing unfavorable we concluded to remain in our present comfortable quarters till to-morrow — The time I spent in reading and in observing the arrival and departure of the Cars with their swarms of passengers from our windows — In the Cars from Springfield came Mr. Coit of N. London and his party whom we had seen at that place with whom we passed a considerable part of the E. in conversation. they seem to be very respectable people — and made a pleasant variety in the passing time which served to divert my thoughts & Mary from the disappointment which they felt at the detention to which the weather subjected us.

y. th Day 17 th To our great Satisfaction on rising this morning at Worcester the weather gave us the promise of a pleasant day — Our preparations were accordingly made to go on in the Boston train at 9 ¼ Oclk — after breakfast I took a walk with Mary to view the Southern part of the Town. which well sustains the favorable impression which the other parts had made — many of the houses have an air of elegance as well as comfort. and the parterres in front of several of them were decorated with beautiful Dahlias — The train from Boston was about 25 minutes after the usual time of arrival so that we did not set off till about ¼ Oclk. — we had a pleasant ride & reached Boston. with no unusual occurrence. about 12 Oclk. — we went to the Tremont house & thence departed on some shopping business in company with Mrs Adams H & Mary — I soon left them in Washington St. and went on business of

my own in State Street — calling at several Shops in Cornhill to get trifles for the Children — After dinner — I went with Mary to another Shop and called at one or two book Stores to supply an omission in my trifles purchases — this accomplished we proceeded in a Carriage to the R. R. Depot, which we reached just in season to save our passages & no more — the hour of Starting proving to be 3¼ instead of 3 as I had supposed — William Alcott was one of our fellow passengers — there were also several other New-Bedford people in our Car and many others in the forward Car whom I did not see — we came pleasantly on and arrived at the depot about Sunset — and were soon after at our pleasant home where we were favored to meet those of us who remained at home well, our Sons Ed.d & Thomas not yet here they having Stopped for a week in Phil.a or neighbo

Thus has terminated our excursion and the main object of it I flatter myself has been in good degree attained, and the other attending circumstances have been generally of a favorable character so that we have great cause of thankfulness to that kind Providence which has watched over and lead in safety those who have gone abroad and those whose steps have been confined to a narrower circle — may the incense of Gratitude ascend from all our hearts to the Divine & ineffable Source of life and all its blessings. May it daily and hourly aid & the hallowing influences of this purifying and ennobling sentiment prepare our souls during the time allotted to us on this beautiful earth for an admission to the realms of Celestial blessedness above, when that period shall be ended. — after tea I went to see my mother and found her well, and she has been so during most of the time of our absence — Sister Eliza has been unwell with an ulcer in the throat, but is now measurably relieved — Our other relations and friends I learn are in usual health — I saw C. H. Morgan at meeting, and I believe that our nephew S. H. Rodman & family returned with us in the train

from the Dedham junction. but they were not in the Car with us.

1st day 18th At friends Mg. through the day — otherwise at home except going to the Epis.l Ch.h at the close of the E.v. Service to see Sister & Mary home & protect them from the rain — Ch.s H. Morgan called on me there H & he — and Fred.k Robbon & Dr. Hardy were with us in the E.v.

2d day 19th Engaged at home most of the forenoon — visited mother and her house now undergoing repairs and alterations which is now nearly compleated as far as the Carpenters and Masons are concerned but she is somewhat troubled at the excess of work done above what was at first contemplated. but I think it was nevertheless the wisest course, and will in the end be satisfactory — afternoon at the Cg. House, and in the E.v. went to Chas.s to a small Corn pudding Party —

3d day 20th Spent the Day principally at the Cg. House looking over the late Boston Papers — The work of filling up my dock the width Water Street under the late compromise with Geo Howland was begun to day by Ezra Howard & Jacob Holmes in fulfilment of the engagement of Lend. Gam-

mons — Eve. at home) — the work of filling the dock began by tipping earth from the North abutment —

4th. day 21 Spent the day mostly at the Cg. House — went to the R. R. Depot on the arrival of the Cars but our sons were not passengers in them — Eve. at home

5th. day 22 Attended to business till Mg time — which I attended — it was expected that Samuel Parsons & Susan Howland would declare their intentions of marriage, but as the latter had not returned from the bridal journey of Matthew & his wife at request of her father the Mg. was to be adjourned as to close to 5th. Day next for the accommodation — afternoon at the Cg. House Eve. at home — called at Mothers relative to the lease of her North Store —

6th. day 23. Occupied mostly at the Cg. House &c — Eve. at home — In a chat H. had a visit from Susan Howland the first since the death of my father in law — she alluded to the misunderstanding between Geo. Howland & me as the Cause. this is as I supposed, but it appears to me a poor reason for one of her standing as a minister of the Gospel — particularly as I dont much less any of my family have had no disposition to extend the unfriendly

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feelings beyond the ostensible objects before the explanation which I sought in vain before I appealed to Overseers

7th Day 24 Devoted the day principally to business at the C.G. House & went to R.R. Depot on the arrival of the Cars but was again disappointed of meeting our sons — a letter from Edmund from Phila & Wakefield informs us of their going to Duncannon with their Uncle W.L. Fisher so that we shall probably not see them till the middle or latter part of next week — Eng. at home — One half of my 51st year is this day completed — This time moves on with apparent by accelerated Speed — may the admonition of this sentiment have its appropriate influence in stimulating to renewed endeavors to redeem from folly and from all evil the time that may yet be allowed me by Divine Providence & seek to become assimilated in some humble degree to the pure Spirits which inhabit the Celestial Abodes above, where we are taught, by the blessed Gospel, the great announcements of the Saviour, to hope for a participation in the glorious inheritance for those who by faithfulness to his Christian testimonies through the vital efficacy of his mind and manifestation, pass through this world unspotted by its pollutions. On

My return home found Deborah Norton with her chest & she having called preparatory to leaving her School and this Town to return to Boston to give her Services to her Sister Mrs Chapman in nursing her brother in Law from whom She has received intelligence of an alarming increase of his pulmonary Symptoms —

1st day 25 Attended meetings at Friends Place of worship and Spent the rest of the day and eve. at home — prepared the Temp. Papers for distribution in the morning — Had Sundry Calls from our friends Benj. & Susan and William Jun. Dorker Wm R Roberson Benj. & Joanna Rotch & Andw Roberson — to whom Ma Chase & I & Self principally gave audience. Sister P. & Mary being at Church or declining to break the train of thought appropriate to the Devotional Character of the day by the frivolous or Secular Conversation which generally marks the Social meetings of the Members of our family circle —

2. day 26 — At the C.J. Home before the devotional exercises of the morning — after Breakfast at the Bank & L & and C.J. House — after noon had a Conference with Wm T. Potter the Occupant & A. Roberson one of my associate proprietors of the Belle Vue

Estate at Newport — relative to an extension of the accommodations by making a joint Stock concern of it &c. — afterwards conducted Sister Sarah over Mothers house as attend and had consultations about some points in regard to completing the arrangements — Evg. pretty at Mothers after a call at the Post Office — Ch. Rans called Called

3. day 27th Attended to some domestics jobs relating to the Warming apparatus before breakfast — wrote to Harriet to try to get her to come and Spend the winter with us to relieve Ma Chase & from Care & too much exertion in her infirm State of health — remainder of the day at Mothers house C.G. House &c Evg. Principally at home

4th day 28th Attended to my business at the C.G. House &c Gave also some time to the operations at my Mothers house — Called on my bro. Williams after tea and at my Mothers after leaving Mary at Eliza Drinkers where was a Party on the occasion of her Sons arriving at his majority — Our Sons have not yet come — but I shall expect them with considerable confidence tomorrow

5th. day 29th. Went to the Walnut St. Wh[f]. before breakfast to ascertain whether the mud Machine could be had for a week to dig at my Wh[f]. and fill to mean low water mark the western part of my dock which will be destroyed by the continuance of Water Street to my north line — but I found that the state of the job there would not admit of my accommodation — At the Bank after breakfast, &c and from my Wh[f] to the R. R. Depot at the arrival of the Cars, where I had the pleasure of greeting our Sons Edmund & Tho[s]. and their Cousin S. R. Morgan, walked up with E & T. there being a deficiency of public Carriages — and our frequent fruitless attempts to meet them with our own, had discouraged further efforts in that way — It is a great comfort to their mother to have them back again —

I had designed to be at the adj. M[g]. M[g]. but finding Alex. with the kitchen drain open to remove an obstruction in the tunnel I found it necessary to stay and direct and aid in the job which was found unexpectedly difficult — though an aperture closed with a flat Stone near the west end of it had been prepared when the last alterations were made

made in the Kitchen fixtures, and as was then supposed all obstructions removed — it now appeared that for a considerable space near the middle of the next Division was closed — after a considerable trouble a stick was forced through the mass from the opening in the Cis pool — to which a cord was tied and drawn through — one claw hammer & then two attached to the cord in the middle & subsequently a short hoe curved at the edge to accommodate it to the Circular form of the drain were by means of the Cord successively drawn through and the mass so far removed that by throwing several barrels of water in large bodies into the opening above — nearly all of the obstructing matter was removed — having the Cis pool open, the occasion was availed of to remove the deposite there — afternoon at the Cy. House, taking (ineffectually) the R.R. depot in my way thither — eve. at the Rev. Mr. Plummer's meeting at the North Baptist Church to hear his vindication of himself and his doctrines in opposition to the Miller theory and treatment from the

attack of the Pastor of the Cong.n on 1.st day ev.g — The large house was full and the vindication completely successful as I thought, but I did not hear Hawley — nor have I heard any other of the promulgators of Millerism except a man by the name of Russell about a year since in the same house which took no hold of my mind — The present extensive excitement shows how easily well meaning but comparatively ignorant people are deluded on subjects of Religious Faith 6.th day 30.th Attended to business at the C.y Use of C. W. Morgan &c in the forenoon afternoon went to the C.y Hy. R.R. Depot Mother's house and at 3 Oclk went to attend the funeral services at the late residence of Capt. Geo. B. Wood — who died suddenly of an affection (Ossification) of the heart on the ev.g of the 28.th Instant — The solemnities partook mainly of the Custom of Friends on such occasions — a long silence being only broken by a very beautiful and appropriate prayer by the Rev. J. H. Morison Associate Pastor of the Unitarian Society of which he was a member — rode in C. W. Morgans Cy.g to the Grave — Evening at home — Sister Phebe a little better

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7th Day 10mo 1— At the Cg. Hse & Atkinsons before breakfast — engaged at home most of the day completing my Meteorological notes for last month those on the Thermometer which had been lost since my return having been brot. to light — I design making some change in the plan of my Register to conform more nearly to that recommended by the Meteorological Com.ee of the Franklin Institute &c. — The Rain water being exhausted in our West Cistern — we had recourse again to the old arrangement for bathing — but as the Valve had not been raised since the new Contrivance for supply.g the baths, and the casing of lead having been heavily painted — on forcing it open it did not close afterward perfectly and considerable trouble was thereby induced — this attention being given about the time that J.M. otherwise would gone to the Cg. House — subjected me to the necessity of unpacking those in the Cg. to deposite my books in the accustomed place for greater safety in case of fire — last of the day spent in preparing my Meteorological page for this month

1st Day 2d Occupied before breakfast in endeavoring to rectify the defect in the Cistern Valve, and but partially succeeded — Attended Friends meeting with E & T. in the forenoon & T & F. in the afternoon — In the ev. I went to hear Mr. Hawley's attempt to sustain his new opinions as a convert to Millerism — his audience was large — but he did not at all satisfy me — I think him an honest but a superficial thinker — with a ready elocution — the audience was not nearly as quiet as when Plumer was the speaker though the latter detained them till 10 Oclk 2d day 3d — At home before breakfast. After breakfast at the bank & mothers house & attending to my business. afternoon at the meeting of Stockholders of the B. C. B. for the Choice of directors there were two candidates for the vacancy arising from the death of Jos. Ricketson in the old board — Abm. H. Howland & Jos. Ricketson Jr were the rival candidates — the former was elected by 275 to 207 votes — Attended to some business relating to the filling of my dock — and at the Ex. House, Eve. at home — Robt. L. Murray spent the ev. with us — Edd. & Alex. set off

this aft. at 9 for Newport to bring Benj. Smith Jon of their teachers D.B. on it to make a visit & to bring our good friend Harriet if She can come to render us her aid for the Fall & Winter.

3. day 4th At home before breakfast after breakfast went to the semi annual M.G. of the Inst for Savings, then to variously engaged about mothers house &c and the Cg House - soon after dinner rather unexpectedly Edmund & his friend B. Smith arrived - they not being expected before eve - I spent the remr of the afternoon at the Cg House. Eve at home - Rob.t L. Murray was with us at tea - and Wm & Jn.o Hussey called to see their friend B.S. and Spent the eve with us -

4th. day 5th At market &c before breakfast - after had a consultation with my brothers and the workmen at mothers house in relation to the S.o yard &c then to the Cg House - Afternoon at the funeral Services of Thomas Nye of Fairhaven - he was a man of very mild and amiable feelings, much esteemed by the large circle of his acquaintances - Eve. at home - Mrs Lambert took tea with us - our

two Sons and their friend B. Smith dined at George Hussey's —
5th Day 6th At home before breakfast except a visit to the market — Occupied about Mothers house &c till the hour of the week day meeting — 3 Friends which I attended — Lydia Barney & Wm Rodman & Rodman Morgan dined with us. the former is Spending a few weeks with Barney family — At tea we had Charles Randall & Rodman — the others being engaged at home — I went to the place of meeting of the Town Temp.ce Com.te — But there were too few there formally to proceed to business — I afterward called at my Uncle Wm Rotch Jrs. —
6th Day 7th At Mothers house the C.S. House &c &c — Through the day with nothing of special moment our Sons and their friend dined & Spent the day with their Cousin Rodman Morgan. Mary was there in the eve.g where there was a party of the family. Alexander is off duty with Pardons in custody of the Sheriff
7th Day 8th Our Sons had an invitation to go on a Sailing excursion with Some of their School friends. but although they made an effort to get off in season after an early breakfast, they found themselves belated on reaching the Wharf the vessel having left from an

apprehension that they had relinquished the intention to be of the party — I procured a whale boat & followed with the hope of overtaking them but the wind freshening did not succeed and the attempt was soon relinquished — Owen as well as Alex: is principally off duty to day. I was occupied at home the Mg. House & mothers — 7th day — 8th — Occupied at the Mg. House & Mothers — in the afternoon called at Mrs Aldens and Alexanders — which took up nearly the whole of it — so that I had only time to put things in order for the night before Sunset — Mg. at home —

1st day 9th Attended Friends meeting with our sons & D. Smith — except Ed: who went with his aunt & Sisters to the Episcopal Church in the afternoon Ma chez H. as home the cool atmosphere of the Mg. Houses without fire being an objection to her attendance in her present State of health — Jn.o & Anna Dunbar called towards eve & Thos. & Lydia Greene after tea with the object in part of seeing D. Smith.

2. day 10th This being the day of the Quarterly Meeting of the Pocasset Manufacturing Co — after going to the Bank

and some subsequent delay in preparing C. N. Morgans vehicle Dej. left with him for Fall River about 10 Oclk — and arrived there a little before 12 — The State of the Manf. business appears no more encouraging than at the last meeting — no Sales and the low State of the Market making Sales without loss hardly probable — after Dinj. at the Pocasset House, and some time Spent at the Office — we walked to see the new bridge over the Creek and the new road along the Shore of our Lands — return over the upper road and or Main Street called at Nicuhi's to see Sister Lydia — who with Mary we found very well — the latter having nearly recovered from the effects of her dangerous fall from a horse three days four weeks — after Spending some time there and enjoying the fine peaches which are now abounding in their Garden — we took leave and set off on our return — about 4 3/4 Oclk — and got home a little after 6j — where a Small party of the friends of our Children and their guests were assembled a large proportion of whom were Haverford Scholars —

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3. day 11th. At the G. House &c &c through the day & E.G. at the adj. meet. G. of the Executive Board of the Port Society. This was the day for the Annual M.G. of the said Soc. for the choice of Officers but as there was no quorum the M.G. was adj. to to morrow E.G. and I went then to the Opening lecture of the Lyceum which was delivered by H. G. O. Colby On Genius — which he made very interesting — supporting the position the most distinguished men which the world has seen in the history of the past were mainly indebted to an indomitable energy and perseverence in the culture of the powers with which they had been endued by nature under favorable or in spite of unfavorable circumstances — he argued from the philosophy of mind as well as from the great examples dead & living who have been the special objects of attention and have stamped their character on the ages in which they lived or influenced the history of nations by the ascendency which they had gained

or accorded to them. The manner in which the Subject was treated was well adapted to the occasion Showing forcibly that Labor, Earnest and unflinching, is indispensable to Carry out Talent whether Great or moderate, to their highest excellence
4th day 12 — I have Spent most of this day in relation to the Port Society Lodge in the afternoon to give notice to the members elected by the Executive Board, and appoint them & the adj. of the An. M. for the Choice of Officers — The meeting was interesting and pretty well attended, the Annual Report was read and Encouraging remarks made by Several Individuals —
At the Close of the mg = I join my family at C. H. Mayo's where B Smith and the elder boys dined & they with the remainder of the
5th day 13th. At home and at the Co House & till the dining hour which day a little postponed anticipated to accommodate the departure of the boys with C. H. M's horses in My Carriage to take B Smith back to Newport R. I. M. acting as driver. afternoon Eve. at the Co. house & & home

6th day 14th — Rose as usual and after seeing to the making of the fires &c — went into the Cg. House on business. which took me to Gideon Howlands farm near to the Round Hills — I got back at the dinner hour — and spent the afternoon at the Cg. House & wharf — The mud machine having been just in to action to day to deepen the water at the head of my slip and carry it in Scows to the Dock which is to be cut off by the Continuance of "Water St." across it — Eg. at home — Our Sons Edwin & Thomas got back from Newport about tea time after a very pleasant jaunt — Eg at home, writing up this diary for the last 4 days &c &c

7th day 15th. Attended to my concerns at the Cg. House &c and gave some attention to mothers' house now nearly completed. in the E.g. attended the Organising Mtg. of the New Executive Board of the Peace Society at the Bethel Reading Room.

1st day 16th Attended Meetings as usual — At the afternoon Mg. was Lindley Hoag's wife who spoke at considerable length in exhortation & prayer — the wife of Isaac R.

Gifford of Dartmouth also spoke a few words in reference to the blessings which are accorded to us by our Heavenly father in a Gospel ministry and the Holy Scriptures — In the Ev.g. I attended with Edw — the Anniversary Mg. of the N. Bedford Bible Society — which was large and interesting — there were two Speakers besides the usual accompaniments — one of which was Mr. Peabody who was interesting

2d. day 17th Engaged about home — mothers home. the Whf & Cg. House — the men began to take down my west wall of the dock which is to be cut off by the Continuation of Water Street — Alexander resumed attention to the duties of his Station — his health is very delicate and I wish he could find some other employment better adapted to his strength — to Mg. at home

3d. day 18th Occupied till late dinner by domestic Objects — Mary Murphy's distress — in her Marriage relation — to remedy which she has complained of Peter at the Police Court for a Separate maintainance — I was not able to attend the Court but I learn that they concluded to forget their grievances and make another trial to live together — She having been driven with her infant from the house last week unprovided with Clothing suitable for their occasions, first I

night She staid here — I went with mother to show her through the house which has been in process of alteration and is now nearly completed — It was an arduous undertaking for her but She went through with it Stopping to rest several times in Mr Bakers apartments — She seemed well satisfied with the improvements — which will cost much more than was anticipated — Afternoon at the Cg House & in P. at the Lyceum, lecture by Dr Smith on Geology —

4th day At home, the wife Cg. Hse & mothers house — thought the day w. at home

5th day 20 at the Bank Directors meeting after breakfast — at the wharf and Cg House as usual sure that my whf operations are in progress — w. at home day at my various occ.

6th day 21st Occupied in attention to the various objects of my own and my mothers which I have more or less in charge w. at home. Prof Frank went to Fallriver to day

7th day 22d. Engaged chiefly in relation to my whf. Mothers house & called at mothers on returning from the Cg House and saw there Uncle Deane of Salem & Uncle Wm & Anne Lyon in

and my Aunt Mary — The first made us a call yesterday afternoon but I scarcely saw him being engaged with Edward Stabler in the observatory in fitting up a small vane to indicate the winds by means of an index playing over a card on the ceiling Ev'g. at home. Th & Frank returned from their visit at Fall River 1st day 23. Attended meetings as usual at Friends house having before breakfast perused the temperance papers for distribution Th & Frank with me the others at the Episcopal Church in a chair &c. not having yet been out to meeting. The absence of fires in the house making it imprudent for her to encounter the chilliness of the season — Ev'g. at home

2. day 24th. Made my accustomed walk to my wharf before breakfast & the usual devotional reading — afterwards engaged at the Bank & Ch. Home &c &c — afternoon principally at home. Then to make provision for unpacking a lot of provision sent to me from Cincinnatti by Gen Russell — in spoiling condition for want of salt — thence to the Ch. the Friends Ev'g. at home — found Uncle Deem here who drank tea and spent the Ev'g with us. — I have been suffering two days with a Rheumatic affection of the neck induced by too much exposure last Ev'g

retired early after fomentation with
volatile liquid light.
3d day 25th At the Cg. House through
the day — bitter of my sojourn of the muscles of
the neck — at the Lyceum lecture in the
evg. — On the benefit of works of fiction, as
an introduction to his proposed series of lec-
tures on the passions. — The weather rainy
but the hall was well filled — The effort
was not without interest, though his re-
citations from Shakespeare, Scott &c were
too much after the manner of the Stage
to please me, who have not been ac-
customed to such models —
4th day 26th About my business con-
cerns as usual, at the Cg. House whilst
through the day evg. at home — And.
Robeson called in relation to the Bellevue
House at Newport — Abm. Potter, son of
the present Lessee having been here to
consult about some repairs and improve-
ments suggested as desirable — but for
which the State of the times ill accords
at present
5th day 27th Occupied about my business at
the Cg. House &c a part of which had
relation to another to whom I lent my
name, giving my promises for his — and
he now failing in his leaves me under
the necessity of taking care of my own

I have endeavored however to secure myself against ultimate loss. Called at Andrew Roberts & my Uncle W.m Rotch with reference to the Billeone Estate Newport & made an attempt to see Prince Weeks in the eve.g to consult him about going to Newport to execute the repairs necessary to be done this Autumn

6th Day 28th At the C.g. House before breakfast as I have generally been for the last two weeks — day devoted to business at the C.g. House & wharf &c eve.g at home

7th day 29 Spent the day principally at the wharf & C.g. House — Visited Jo.s C. Page a young man whom Nath.l Barney is interested about on account of his very worthy Connections, who is now sick at the "Seamen's Home" in consequence of his profligate habits during one week after he was released from the house of Cor.n for intemperance, and wrote a long letter to N. B. wch I finished at the C.g. House of Hathaway & Luce at the Steamboat Wharf to have the whole time before the departure of the boat. — Eve.g at home — Our nephew Fred.k Roberson took tea with us and Georgiana Riddell who has just returned from a visit to Boston &c called to see Mary in the evening

1st Day 30th Attended Friends Meetings through the day and in the eve.g went to Grace Church with Sister Phebe & several of the Children

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Made preparation in the morning for going to Newport with reference to the Bellevue Estate — and after an early dinner set off at 1/2 P. M. with Prince Weeks Howe wright in our Carriage for the purpose of accommodating Harriet A. Holl on our return who is coming to lend her assistance for a few weeks in our family — arrived at N. Port at 6 P.M. — and stopped at the Bellevue House, which I found had been vacated by Wm Potter and the family of Weaver one of the proposed new lessees had taken their place — left the Carriage at the Stable and walked to W. J. Potters new house which is quite near, and there took our quarters — the nite was rather cold — after tea took a walk to deliver a couple of letters with my friend J. Companion

3d day 1st Mo. 1 Took a walk before breakfast, to see some of the new houses on the hill on East Two Street including Jones' & Middletons there has been a considerable number of new buildings put up within the last few years — viewed also the exterior of the Bellevue premises — after breakfast made a detailed observation of the interior &c to ascertain what repairs would be necessary — Thence went to a Lumber yard to see what were the

current prices &c — This accomplished I made a call on Richard K. Randolph with reference to B. Hallard's Estate and my Claim on the State of R. I — but I could find no hope of realizing anything from the former, and nothing sure if at all from the latter — returned and took dinner at our kind friends' who would receive no payment for our entertainment, & set off on our return home, Calling at Christopher Sweets to take in Harriet — left Newport about 1 Oclk and reached home about 6 — and had the satisfaction to find all well — after tea instead of the Lyceum I went to the Town Hall to hear James C. Fuller give an anti Slavery Lecture — he is from Skeneateles a brother of bro: John's family, he called to see us in my absence — and I was introduced to him at the Close of the meeting which was pretty well attended & with decorum on the part of the audience —

4th Day 2d Attended to some family and other concerns before breakfast, had a call from James C Fuller at breakfast time to interest me in John Hoskins a young englishman who came from the western part of Mass Holland whither he had gone as an immigrant but being disappointed and dissatisfied after about a years residence he entered onboard the bark

Plato of this port to work his passage to a Civilized country — The bark was wrecked on Montauge Point and he narrowly escaped with his life four men in another boat being drowned — he wears the costume of a friend, and he made himself known to Jas. C. Fuller who was acquainted with his father a respected Minister of the Society now dead, — after a conversation of an hour and attending to some other business I met him by appointment with the young men at the Mechanics Bank — called at Mothers. and had J. C. F. to dine with us — after dinner took him to the Parker House where his luggage was left — Spent the rem.r of the afternoon principally at the house preparing my meteorological tables &c after ward at the Gym till tea time — had mother & Sister Eliza with us at tea — I worked late at little Jones Arithmetical Lesson to aid him in a laborious calculation. Our man Alexander went home to day on acct of intelligence of the extreme illness of his Sister —.

5th Day 3. At home before breakfast. then rode till 11 O'Clk delivering notices of the monthly Temp.ce Com.ee Mg. &c — Then to Friends Meeting which was very full to witness the marriage of Samuel B

Parsons and Susan R. Howland daughter of George Howland of this Town — The young couple went through the Ceremony with great propriety — It is a connection which to human view appears on both sides highly auspicious, to the parties and their respective friends — They will reside at Flushing Long Island where Samuel Parsons the father of great worth and respectability lived the latter years of his life — Oliver Edmund & Mary were at the wedding party in the eve — I passed the afternoon at the Cy. House, Esq. at a Mg. of the Temp. Court — and afterward stopped a few minutes to hear R R Gurley's Lecture on the Colonization of Africa by Colored emigrants to Liberia — He speaks with fluency and animation but his subject viewed in its bearing on the Slavery of the blacks at the South has no attractive aspect

6th day 14th. At the Cy House in the forenoon at 12 came home and with ma there H made a Call at Geo Howlands Specially to see Walter Farrington great Uncle to S.B. Parsons who came from Flushing to be present at the marriage of his Nephew and returns to day, he is a very cheerful Specimen of a Serene old age being now in his 83d year. he has been

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long known and esteemed by the several branches of my wifes family — I was at his house once during my Court ship about 24 years ago & he survives all of his immediate family but has a number of grandchildren. We Sh? have been glad to see him at our house if his visit had been longer — We saw also the Newly married Cous? and a number of Samuel relations Wm Henry & Eliz? Chace and others of the bridal Party — Geo & Susan were very pleasant and polite. W? I particularly remark as it was the first time that I had been at their house since the adjustment of our difference in relation to Water Street — let it be forgotten by us both other than as a warning on his part to converse candidly and dispassionately with the party whose motives may have been misinterpreted to be quite sure that such is not the case — for his declining to do so I think all of the unpleasant feelings which each has imputed to the other, and thence given place to corresponding emotions may be ascribed — I passed the afternoon at the Cg. House He, called at Uncle Williams

in the evg. to consult him about the Belle Vue House, but as he was not at home I went to the Post Office and called on my return at the Town Hall to see the person and Style of the loco foco Orator Benj.n F. Hallett who was making an electioneering Speech — I was soon satiated with seeing and hearing this hackneied demagogue whose principles are never presumed to baulk his movements on any course which promote his Ministerial or partizan objects — He misrepresents with consummate effrontary and misleads many a well disposed but ignorant person who is not able to detect his misstatements or Sophistry — Spent the evg in writing instructions to Hon T. Potter Relative to the repairs of the House at Newport

7th Day 5th Devoted the day to business cares at the Cy. House — Saw at the R.R. Depot whither I went in the afternoon to deliver a letter. Rodmond Rotch who was going to Milton for his sister Eliz.th Angier on account of the serious illness of his mother — She has been sick a week but I was not aware that she was alarmingly so till to day. Our three elder Children

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at their Uncle Williams this week
1st day 6th As we were going to Friends
meeting this morng. viz Ma chere H. (it
being her first Essay since her illness
& journey) Sue & Ellen with Thos. H.
Frank we were astonished at learning
from Cousin Anna Arnold whom we met
on the way that our dear Anna Rotch
died last night at 1/2 O'clk — We im-
mediately attended our Steps — The in-
telligence was almost overwhelming
to Ma chere H. who has always been
attached to her with a more than
sisterly affection — Her Grief is the
greater from the fact that she has not
been able to see her since the last
attack although she has called twice
for that purpose and sent enquiring
messages daily — So fearful were the
Children of her being injured by Company
even of one she so much loved — Ma chere
H was on the bed most of the day with
severe headache consequent on her Grief
— all of the family remained at home in
the forenoon and I believe I was the
only one at M.G. in the afternoon — after tea
I went with Ma chere H to the house of
mourning and saw all of the Children
Rodman having returned with Elizabeth
Angier in the Steamboat train at 7

Oclk this morning — we were with them without other company about an hour when my dear Th, overcome by the effects of her Sorrow fainted — but she was revived, and was able to get home without a carriage — she preferring to walk, though she was scarcely equal to the effort — On reaching home she immediately retired to bed — I called to see my mother in the evg — and as a duty of Charity I had at the close of the meeting called at Abm Shearman's lodgings to introduce to him John Hopkins the young English Friend who went as an emigrant to New Holland and left there from disappointed prospects in the Bank Plato which was wrecked on Long Island — he desiring to see him in the hope that some employment might thus be procured to his knowledge by which he might supply his daily necessities, he being in destitute circumstances, as stated in my former notice of him as introduced to me by James C. Fuller

2d day 7th At home before breakfast, then at the Bank Directors meeting, afterwards gave an hour or two to the cases of John Hopkins & J. C. Page — introducing the former to J. C. Fillingham and endeavoring to do the same to C. P. Tucker — called at Page's Lodgings to return a Letter which

It Hath J. had one from his Aunt Lucy Gilpin of New York — expressing great concern & gratitude for the kindness extended but stating her inability to do anything for him — rem: of the Day devoted to G. House duties. Ma chere H. despatched a letter to our friend Charles Smith by Rob: Howland which will probably anticipate the intelligence by mail of the death of his excellent Sister — My H was with with the family from the middle of the afternoon till about 9 in the ev^g — Invent there about 8 to attend her home, there are no others here who are probably so acceptable to the Children in this heavy sorrow as my wife & her sister — The best knew & most adequately appreciated her modest worth and conscientious and affectionate nature. under great and peculiar trials in her married life She has sustained herself with the meekness and constancy of a Christian heroine. — Sister Eliza took tea with us

3: day 8th At the G. House through the day returned J. to dine I found two letters in the Post Office from C. C. Stewart written at Boston on the 5th & 7th they came by private hand and thus were delayed in reaching me

he is there with his wife and propose visiting us — I wrote a few hasty lines saying that though ma chere H. was in affliction from the death of her dear friend. still we should be glad to receive them, and by making an extra effort reached the depot in time to send the letter by one of the Conductors — C.J. at home. Ma chere H & sister Phebe & Mary have been to the house of mourning to day — D. Read was called this eve to see Anna, one of our girls who is in great suffering consequent upon the extraction of a tooth. He gave us his opinion that Cousin Anna's sudden death was owing to an injudicious application, made at her own suggestion as I understood without the knowledge or advice of D. Bartlett her attending physician — To which she was probably led by the practice of a homeopathic Physician whom she saw on her recent visit to her daughter at Milton —

4th Day 9th Engaged in the morn. in some domestic arrangements for the accommodation and Comfort of our expected Guests Mr & Mrs Chl. C. Stewart — went to the Rail Road Depot when the Cars arrived but our friends were not among the passengers, I passed the rem. of the day principally at the C.J. house and at the arrival of the evg.

Train I went again to the Depot but the Friends had not come, the dampness of probably detained them in Boston. In the eve. I called at Cousin Anna's found Sister Anna and Andr. and James Arnold there — Mr. Angier came to day from Milton

5th Day At the Q. House before breakfast — Afterward at the Bank — and at Brothers. Called also at Sister Sarah's to observe whether Cousin Anna's brothers alighted from the Depot — As I had as lief not meet them on their arrival on this sorrowful occasion I did not go to meet Mr. Sth in case of arrival in the Cars, they however did not come — I was a short time at the Q. Hse. and as the time of the Funeral Services was fixed at 2½ Oclk — the afternoon was thus occupied — after a long and Solemn Pause — the Rev. Mr. Peabody offered what Stands me as a beautiful and appropriate Prayer — The place of burial was the Jews burial ground — which is now a very unsatisfactory Spot from the increased population in that part of the Town. The houses

or some work Shops having encroached upon the Square which was allotted for a cemetary, and so appropriated by my Grandfather Logan after the decease of my Grandmother Hotel. And I shall not be at all surprised if at no remote period the Coffins there deposited should be dis-interred and removed to a more fitting depositary where the surrounding Scene will harmonize better with the memory of the dead — Mrs Chere H and Sister Phebe stopped by invitation to take tea with the family — Mary and I came home — also the three boys who went by themselves in our Carriage — I completed some writing at home, thence to the P.O. Office and to the R.R. Depot where I found on the arrival of the Cars — our expected friends — with their little girl the only survivor of six — took them home with me, where our daughter Mary received them in the temporary absence of Mrs Chere H & Sister — about 8 O'Clock I called to wait upon them home and pay sympathetic respects to the Family and their friends — Chs & Jos Smith of Phil.a — We spent about half an hour & returned.

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6th day 11th — After attending to the morning duties I was principally occupied with our guests — toward noon walked out with C.C.S. and called with him at C.K. Morgans Cg. House and spent some time in my own — Afternoon also there for a short working period — Evg. called at Wm H Taylors to meet Dr Wayland who came to town to enquire into the State of the Seamens Cause preparatory to his proposed Anniversary address — accompanying him there H. first to our Cousin Rotchs — and leaving W.H.T. for half an hour to call again and attend her home — Dr W. feels a strong interest in the objects of the Port Society from the influence of Seamen on the Population of the remote and unenlightened portions of the Globe which Whalemen particularly visit in their protracted voyages — I did not get home till near 11 Oclk

7th day 12th — After breakfast I called by appointment at Mr Jacksons — and accompanied Dr Wayland and himself on board two Outward bound Whale Ships and onboard the Trident, at anchor in the harbor lately returned from a 32 mos. voyage with about half a Cargo — he examined the Cabins and forecastles to see the kind of accommodation which were

had by the Officers and men for their personal convenience and Comfort — got on shore again a little after 11 — when I repaired to the Cg. House to give some attention to my business — Afternoon called with C C.S. at One of the Ins.ce Offices, and at my Cg House — returning homeward I left him to stop at my mothers whom I had not seen for some days — after tea C.C.S. and my two elder Sons went to the Whig Mg. to hear an address from Rufus Choate Esq Boston now attending S. to a law Case before the Supreme Ct. which has been in Session this week Judge Wilde presiding — I followed and heard a considerable part of it, with which I was much pleased for the sound sense of his doctrines and the beauty of diction and eloquence of his Style. H Robeson & Fredk. were at our house in the evg. to see our friends —

1st day 13th Attended Meetings AM & PM at Friends place of Worship and in the evg. I went with C.C.S. Mary & Edmund to the Episcopal Church — the weather being unpleasant Mrs S and Ma chose to remain at home with Mary & Sister P in the evg — We had a call from Robert Murray of Newyork towards evg — who with his eldest Son were now on a visit to our neighbors the Hedges — Mr Lambert officiated at Church

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2. day 14th This being the day of our annual State election my time has been principally occupied with this interesting business — The result is rather gratifying in this Town. Showing a majority of 48 over the Loco foco Candidate for Gov^r but from the fact that there were two Abolition tickets run there was no Choice of Representatives — The Election has especial interest from the fact of the Locofocos having attempted to make Political Capital out of the revolutionary attempts in Rhode Island by Dorr and his party to overthrow the established government — W. J. at home

3. day 15th. gave the usual attention to family concerns in the m^g which are much increased by the respect due to our guests — More to them a just view of our circumstances & obligations regards — After breakfast went to make a call or two with C. C. S. and to the C. H. house &c — afterward to the Court House and heard part of Chace's argument for Howland & Robinson on the Suit of Edward Jones Assignee of W. H. Stowell — Went again after dinner and heard the conclusion of his speech and part of T. G. Coffin's in reply — but I did not stop long. And I had some C. H. House

duties requiring my attention. After tea went with C.C.S. to the Lyceum Lecture which was held in the 4th St. Methodist Meeting House - by a change of the hour we did not two late to hear the whole, subject the utility of the Study of nature in purifying and preserving the mind of the young from evil and evil influences, and cherishing the religious principle — at its close after a walk we call at a Shop or two with C.C.S - I went to the late residence of our Cousin Anna Rotch to attend my wife and Mary home, — where I found and took leave of Chs. Smith & Elizth Angier who set off to-morrow for their respective homes, Benj.n goes also to Phil.a to see after Rebecca's interests, who has bo.t a farm in or near the State of Delaware — thus excepting Joanna the Mansion will be deserted of its recent inmates

4th day 16th — Spent the day with our guests and at the Cg. House — went in the evening to hear Dr. Cutter's lecture on anatomy and Physiology illustrated by an artificial man which was to me very interesting, the muscles blood vessels nerves and internal organs being faithfully represented in shape size and color to a very considerable extent — the audience was very small. the publick not duly appreciating their value and importance

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Sister Eliza took tea with us and went to the Lecture, with which she did not appear to be much interested —

5th. day 17th. M.S. at home except the usual attention to the daily wants of the family towards noon C.C. Stewart met at my Cg. House by appointment A. Roberson and C.C. Stewart, and we had a conference on the state of C.C.S. business at St. John, and on the expediency of his removal to England, now that the duty on for. oil is reduced to 15 £ & 6 L. C. Imp. Ton of 30 Gls. and that the Home whalers have the facilities of importing their Provisions & Stores duty free — It was deemed advisable that he sh. go out to London the ensuing month to judge on the spot of the expediency of such removal — latter part of the afternoon at the Cg. House e.g. at Dr. Cutter's second lecture which I found interesting

6th. day 18th. The part of the day not given directly or indirectly to our guests was principally spent at the Cg. House C.C.S. dined [illegible] at C. Morgan's — Mr. S. has not yet been well enough to visit or to ride even to have a view of the Town e.g. at Dr. Cutters 3d. lecture on the abdominal viscera — it was as heretofore very interesting — C.C.S — [illegible] accom-

panied me
4th day 19th forenoon partly at home, remainder of the day given principally to Cg. Hte. duties. which time however was not very considerable as the days are short and the meals protracted on acct. of our guests — eg. again at the Physiological Lecture. Sister Eliza went with us — subject the Lungs and the Circulating System — which gave occasion for many important practical remarks on the importance of pure air and well ventilated sleeping apartments
1st day 20th Spent the Morning in preparing the temperance Papers for the present month for Circulation through the agency of the different religious Societies — D. Wayland being in Town to deliver the anniversary address this eg. before the Port Sd. Went to the Wm. St. Baptist Church in the afternoon with the hope of hearing him but he did not preach — The Services being performed by Mr. Carlton — After the Meeting I called at J. F. Emerson's & at Mr. Hodges & Wm. H. Taylors & Capt. Merryhews in relation to the anniversary — Mg. and after tea, with James Arnold one of the Vice Presidents I called at H. G. O. Colby's to see and wait upon D. Wayland to the Meeting. which as usual was crowded. and the address very

interesting — The tone of voice in which it was delivered was not such to make it generally understood by the people so that some impatience was manifested and many left their seats only to be taken by others who stood in the aisles & lobby — I trust that it will be printed and thus diffuse much more widely than through that large audience the interest which the Speaker so forcibly felt and stated in the Cause of the Moral and general elevation of Seamen

2. day 21st devoted the forenoon principally to our friends the Stewarts. Called at one or two places with M. S. on business — as they were to leave us in the afternoon train for Boston, gave them an early dinner, and mother calling in J. after with Sister Eliza by appointment to see Mrs S. and to give the use of her carriage to shew Mrs. S. something of our town on their way to the depot — they set off about half an hour in advance of the starting of the Cars and rode through several of our Streets — Sister P. & myself accompanying them — after their departure I finished the day at the Office & in the e.g. went to the lecture of D. Cutler with Sister Eliza who was with us at tea for that purpose

3d. day 22d. Spent the day in attending to my concerns at home and at the C.J. House & in the C.J. attended D. Cutlers Lecture on Physiology before the Lyceum.

4th. day 23d. Engaged in my usual employment at the C.J. House &c — and went with sister Eliza to D. C's concluding Lecture who was with us at tea. Called at Mothers — The men who are filling my dock in the line of Water St. so far completed the work as to permit me walk across at low water

5th. day 24th. Called at Mothers' who manifested a concern that the Prisoners should participate in the good Cheer of the day (Thanksgiving) but the thought came too late make adequate provision and as it seems not to have been moved in by others, as on several previous occasions, it is necessary to omit it and perhaps compensate for the omission on the approaching Christmas — Went to the Monthly Meeting — and at the close of the business mentioned the case of Jno. Hoskins as desirous of employment so that he could defray his Current expenses. he being a young man, a member of our Society 20 yrs. old a native of Cornwall England who went out with a party of emigrants to the S. W. coast of New Holland — but being disappointed of the encouragement anticipated and dissatisfied with the conduct of his associates and the

Course of the Governor, and apprehending hostilities from the natives he left in the Whale boat Plato of this port & arrived after being wrecked at Montaque Point Long Island, with very limited pecuniary means. The case excited some interest and several friends spoke upon the subject, afternoon at the Q. House, & eve. at the Whig meeting to hear the address of Parke of Boston to our Citizens on the momentous importance of the election of Representatives on 2d day next — which was able and convincing — but so well defined are the party lines that those who should have been there to be enlightened were absent, viz the Locofocos

6th day 25 — D. Ricketson called in J. after breakfast in relation to Jno Hoskins, having called to see me yesterday for the same purpose he being interested for him. I had some consultation in regard to procuring a situation for him — and asked the young man to dine — he confirms the favorable impression wch I had formed of him in my previous interviews — after dinner I called to introduced him to the Sec. of the B.C. Ins. Co — at Washington hall and afterwards went to seek A. & P. Howland, but learned from Wm. P. Howland to whom I introduced him that his bro had no opening for his employment — spent most of the day at the Q. House with the exceptions referred to and in the eve. attended the

adjournment of the Semi annual Mg. of the Academy at my Uncle Williams Office 7th Day 26 Employed as usual about home and at the Cg. House, Called towards eg at Mothers to see her an T. R. Fisher who came here yesterday afternoon from Boston with C. W. Morgan who came from Philada to be prepared to vote on 2d day next T. R. F. having left Wakefield on the Day of the Latters arrival — The weather quite cool

1st Day 27th Attended Meetings as usual at Friends place of Worship with Thomas & Frank also in the forenoon, Sister Phebe confined to the house with a Colde whose detains also mine Chere H & Ellen — In the eg Went with Th. & F. to the Unitarian Church to hear Mr. Peabody's introductory Lecture to a Series which he proposes to deliver on Ecclesiastical history — which I think will be interesting and instructive — The weather very cold with a Gale at N. W. which makes us somewhat concerned for the Safety of Mr. & Mrs. Stewart, the Steamer by which they were to leave Boston on 4th day having been delayed in her departure till last eg — Unless they make a harbor to night which I trust they will have done their situation I think from the violence of the Gale will be very perilous & distressing

particularly for Mr. S. in her very infirm state of health.

2d day 28th This has been the day of our Second attempt to chuse Representatives to the State Legislature — and although the prospect looked very discouraging from the adherence of the Scattering parties "Liberty & Abolition, to their Special Candidates resulted in the election of the whole Whig ticket — If the other large Towns shall have done as well we may yet hope to be spared the disgrace of having a Locofoco Governor, our nephew J.P. Fisher excepted

3d day 29th Engaged at the C.J. House and in some domestic consultations of no very pleasant character relative to our Sons apparel — and subsequent action thereon — Mr. Lambert of T. R. F. incidentally with us at tea — both left soon after and I made a call at B & M Rotch's — the former having lately returned from his visit to Chile on business connected with his bro. Rodmans prospects —

4th day 30th At home as usual before breakfast except when called to the market after, that meal called at J. & H. M. Page's office relative to some business of F.R. Fisher's having previously stopped at my Mothers for a document to be used

on the occasion Tho. went with me, then I left him and repaired to the Ct House to hear the Charge of Judge Shaw to the Jury on the trial of Reed for the murder of Sampson last Summer both of Fall River — It was an able and lucid Charge occupying about two hours — leaving the impression on the minds that the Crime fell under the legal Head of Man Slaughter — which I learn the verdict confirmed, and the prisoner was sentenced to 2 years confinement in the State Prison — I spent the rem.r of the day principally at the Ct House — Evg. at home mainly in Read.g the Boston S.W. advr. of to Day — The weather a Snow & rain Storm the afternoon & Evg wind a hard Gale at E. at 10 Pl.

5.th day 12 mo 1 — At the Ct House most of the forenoon — accidentally frustrated in my intention to attend meeting by finding it late at Starting from the Store for that purpose. I did not recollect that it was the Quarterly Mg. of the Socy — or I shd. not have been thus discouraged — After dinner occupied in preparg. and issuing notifications for the Temp.ce Meeting of the Town Comtee which I had not more seasonably recollected — rem.r of the day at the Ct Hse — Evg at the Comtee Meeting. There was an appointed

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Meeting at Frds. M[illegible]. for Tobey
which I was kept from attending. Dan-
iel Thomas was there who was very
favorably impressed with the Sermon.
Georgiana Riddell with us at tea
6th day 2. Spent the day, after the
morning errands relating to the family
occasions at the C.J. House, where I
remained in the afternoon till near the
hour of lecture at the Lyceum which
was occupied by Geo. Bancroft of
Boston in a very interesting historical
discourse illustrative of the gradual in-
crease of intelligence, the march of mind
moral as well as intellectual through
the remote periods of antiquity to the
present development of more just
principles relating to the Political Re-
ligious and Social condition of man-
kind which long lapse of time the
course of human improvement has
been onward through systems and govern-
ments & nations have risen and per-
ished it has only been to give birth to
others founded on a more just appre-
ciation of the powers and destiny of
the race. — The torch of truth has been
transmitted from age to age. The rev-
elations which have from time to time
been given to most virtuous and gifted

of successive generations have been by
How degrees realized by communities
and nations, more just conceptions
of humanity are and have been
continually spreading and deepening
and the dignity of man, his high rela-
tions to Creator, the supremacy of Con
science over all other obligations and
the sacred regard which it enjoins on
the blessed teachings of the Gospel to
the rights of all others of the human
family — and the control which the
advances in Science and art has given
him over the powers of nature — he
referred to Christianity in its earlier
stages, its retreat from the boisterous &
dark period which succeeded in the Monas-
tic institutions where it was saved from
extinction to emerge with more genial
power in the Reformation — which cre-
ated those great ideas of Civil &
religious liberty which led to the Am.
Revolution, — and their theoretical at
least recognition in the governments of
these United States. — He dwelt with
high encomium on the character of the
Rev. Dr. Mayhew as one of the first if
not the first who foresaw and predicted
the resistance of the Colonies to impos-
tions and exactions of the mother Com

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try. and used his influence to avert the necessity by recommending more moderate councils to his correspondents high in station at home. and failing in this he strenuously urges upon some of the most prominent of the Boston patriots (almost with his expiring breath) to promote a good understanding and coalition among the different Colonial Governments — his physical frame sunk under the workings of his powerful and ardent mind some years before the Declaration of Independence — The Lecturer closed with a high and discriminating Eulogium on the late Dr. Channing — for his high and expansive benevolence his commanding & cultivated intellect — and the bland & powerful eloquence with which he advocated truth, though unpopular and at the hazard of his own present reputation with his fellow citizens & friends, as the dictates of his reason and his conscience — both from the pulpit & the press — his works constituting a rich legacy to his country and the world, in furtherance of those great principles which by their more general diffusion and adoption among the masses of mankind will insure to them in a higher

degree the results of intelligence happiness and virtue.

7th. Day 3 — Morng. at home. after breakfast called on my Uncle Wm. Rotch Jr. on some business matters — and spent the remainder of the day at the C.J. House in Calculations relating to Sea Howlands affairs in which my brother Wm. & myself are involved by our endeavors 10 years ago to save it to him from the lien of a mortgage then about to expire by giving our joint note to the mortgagee — on the representation that the wood alone if cut and sold would pay the whole debt, and leave the land & buildings to the Owner — This might probably have been nearly or quite done if it had been managed in the most judicious manner — but it was not so managed — and the acct. of the wood with which we have been severally furnished or acct. of our respective payments has never been adjusted because I could never get my brother to attend to it, though it has been a subject of attention by his former Clerk James Thornton several times at my special instance — J.T. having left I saw no way but to take the whole investigation on myself, and I have given several days to the subject now nearly brought to a point in my own mind but thought in my opinion correct. having had recourse to all the memoranda and papers which J.T. care

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and research had accumulated, it is doubtful whether it will have my brother Wm's assent — as it shows him to have borne up to this time no part of the actual burthen — the wood which he has cut having more than equalled all of his payments, while that which I have cut falls very much below mine — and to bring again an equality of liabilities as in fairness should be done a large balance would be due me from him — I hope however that the state of the whole transaction will show our liabilities jointly as not exceeding the present value of the farm. So that A. Hs. Son in law [illegible] may relieve us wholly as I learn there is a disposition in him to become the possessor of the property for his son — My son Thomas has aided me for two days in reviewing my calculations of Comp. Int. &c — his young eyes being more keen than mine. In reading from the logarithmic tables in small type. We were too late at the Store to take our usual meal with the family — Sister P. L Mary were at our usual attendance at yearly Church — Our little Lucy has been confined to the house for a few days with a Cold — but is now much better

1st day 4th — Attended meetings AM & PM at Friends house of worship and in the evg at the 5th Congregational Church to hear the anniversary address by Thos Lambert before the St. B. Benevolent Socy & the Public in gl. It was an impressive discourse on the duty of Charitable and benevolent action in behalf of the poor and the afflicted especially as the coming inclement season — B. Rotch called to see me this A — and C.W. Morgan the Fancy. gent. yesterday had the double windows put up at the 1st Story — and shall probably have the others put up on 2d day — The late severe weather coming when we were thus unprepared required considerable care to prevent the plants being injured in the Green House, viz by keeping a good fire and the communicating window open in the 5th parlor at night 2d day 5th The outer windows were put up in the Green house and the windows in the upper stories to day — I have been engaged at the C.J. House after the Bank Directors meeting, with my sons part of the time to initiate them a little into my business habits — I was up late at eve and found Geo. W. Baker here to announce the wish of Samuel Gifford of Sandwich to have

a religious opportunity with the family he being engaged in similar visits to other friends in Town — but as Edmund & Thos were absent attending the first of Dr Cutler's Physiological lectures. G. W. B. thought it had better be postponed till his return from his place of residence whether per proposes to go to morrow — 3d day 6th Morning at home and day devoted to business at the Ct House — which was necessarily protracted a little into the evening so that I lost part of Geo. Bancroft 2d. lecture, the part which I heard was a historical sketch of the wars of Fred.k 2. of Prussia when single handed he stood against all Papal Europe — in which he showed the highest Genius and indomitable energy — and the Commanding influence at this period of the Elder Pitt whose eminent talents Virtue & unsurpassed eloquence gave through his Control of the resources of England and his unrivalled genius new current to the affairs of the world, which have since set with gigantic Power in Spreading English Civilization arts & arms over a large Portion of Asia and annihilated the power of France and the threatened ascendency of the Papal Religion in the American Continent north of the Spanish settlements. This I am sorry to say is the last lecture this Season from G B.

4th day 4th M. at home, after breakfast made a call at Mrs F. L. Aldens relative to a further trial of Espy's Ventilator. it having been blown from the chimney within a day or two after it was put up on the first trial — then made some calls relative to the Temp.ce Cause — and recorded the rem.s of the day till near 7 O'Clk (dinner hour excepted) to C.J. Hse dates. On leaving the Store, called at mothers for a few minutes and then proceeded to the W.m St. Church to hear Mr. Peabody address before the Orphan Asylum Society and the Public — It was an earnest unambitious and forcible but rather long appeal to the Christian benevolence of the audience which was pretty large and resulted in a collection of about 175. — Small for the object but perhaps not unusually so for this Com.y considering the present great depression in the business of the Place — Sister Phebe and the 2 elder children were also there — after taking my c.y dinner I went to my bro. Wm to speak to him and give the papers & my calculations relative to our joint concerns with the Asa Rowland farm. Anna Drinker is there quar in the absence of her mother & sister Mary at F. Rotch's & John in Boston for the winter

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5th day 8th Engaged at the C.J. House & otherwise in attending to my business through the day, and till late in the evg. making preparation for an examination of my Acc[t] books for the last 3 years.

6th day 9th Occupied with C.J. House duties principally; gave some time to the temp[ce] cause. making a call or two to gain information against the illegal sellers of Spirituous liquors. In the evg at mothers where were assembled all of the immediate family connections to tender their congratulations on her health and happiness on her 85th birth day with her Children & their Children resident here, were also invited Lydia Pangles & Anna Robeson from Fall River Nelanson & Martha Tucker from Boston and Mary Allen, A Robeson Jr's bride elect from Providence, and Lucy Tucker — My dear mother was very pleasant and cheerful — and though she had dined and taken tea out (as Sister Anna) sustained herself without any apparent weariness till the separation of the company about 11 Oclk — Machine H. remained at home not feeling like meeting so general an assemblage having been so long secluded from company by her ill health and her affliction at the sudden death of her friend Anna Rotch

7th Day 10th gave considerable time in the forenoon to the temperance cause, and the whole of the eve. till a late hour making sundry distant calls to gain information and procure a conference of some of the Chairmen of the Comtt. whose Special duty it is to prepare & present the evidence to the Dist. Atty — but two of them declining action from some Conscientious Scruples as to the appliance of legal penalties to stop the Rum traffic, that bane of innumerable crimes, I thought not standing in that relation thought it my duty to supply as far as I could their deficiency — the Conference was held at my house in the eve. — Ambrose Vincent & Thos. Shall B. Bird Chn. of the 2d & 15th Dists. and Jas Coggeshall Brs. of the Wash. T. A. Soc. & J. R. Lakin a member of that Soc. & a constable being present — gave some attention to my mothers business in the forenoon. and while at dinner had a call from sister Lydia & her husband & sister E—. the former leaving town for their home at Fall River this afternoon — I devoted the portion of the day not spent as above indicates principally at the G. House

1st Day 11th At Friends mg through the day and at the lecture as the Un. Ch. in the eve. subject the State of the World at the time of Our Saviours de

– O. Prescott called at the close of the lecture & spent an hour with us.

2d day 12th Attended the Bank Directors meet. J. and afternoon gave a considerable part of the forenoon to the Temperance cause the court of Com. pleas sitting to day, to prepare the cases requiring the attention of the Grand Jury – afternoon at the C.J. House examining J. my books – w.J. at home

3d day 13th The day ended J. the morn. at the exam.n of my books at the C.J. House Thos. assisting in the forenoon & Edw.d in the w.J. – I learned with regret that the firm of Howland & Hussey of this place have failed – w.J. at D. Smith's 2. lecture on Geology

4th day 14th occupied most of the day & w.J. in my C.J. House duties – part of the afternoon riding in a chaise to in a notice of her 3rd N.S. Rotch dec.d

5th day 15 – At the C.J. House before breakfast at Wm. Mother's &c &c about an application for the lease of one of Mother's lots, or a part of it, for the Blacksmith's Shop – After this went to the C.J. House and continued the examination of the books – Thos. in the forenoon & Edw.d in the afternoon – I continued my work alone in the w.J.

6th day 16th. Spent the day mostly at the C.J. House as of late gave again some attention to mothers lot — C.J. at home till near 9 Clock when an alarm of fire called me forth — the fire was in the large barn attached to the Hotel Corner of Un & 4th St. and was in flames in the roof and roof presenting a very alarming aspect for the buildings contiguous and in the vicinity — the hotel touching it on the north & the Carriage Shop of I. Clapp on the south — By the prompt- itude & efficiency of the fire department & Citizens the flames were principally confined to the barn & the frame of the same.

7th day 17th. Devoted the day to my C.J. House labors principally as of late — Slightly interrupted however by two alarms of fire — one occasioned from a fire in a small house in the N. part of the Town — and the other by a mistake of some person or a person (as I have understood) near the bath J. House on 6th St who took the Steam for smoke and deemed that the building was on fire — C.J. at home Thos & Lydia Greene with us at tea &c

1st day 18th. Attend in the morning to preparing the Temp. Papers for distribution — attended friends meeting in the day and Mr. Peabody's lecture on history of the Chris-

tion Religion in the evg— Ann Chese H
was with me in the forenoon, and at the
close of the meeting we called to see
Joanna Notch who yesterday returned with
her bro.r Benj.a from Milton ——
2.d day 19.th Occupied with very slight in-
termission at the Cg. House with my review
of my accounts I was however interrupted abt.
2 hours by a long conversation with God-
frey Brown a strong advocate of the Miller
doctrine of the 2.d advent of the Saviour
the next year — his strong desire to bring
over to the faith made him protract the
conversation to a great length — but the
honesty of his intentions made me give him
a respectful hearing throughout — Eat
at home — M.r Lambert & sister Eliza
with us at tea — the former however
leaving us 1/2 after to go with sister P.x
Mary to the Ch.ch which they are preparg
for Christmas—
3.d day 20.th Went to the Cg. House with Thos.
as usual since my books have been under re-
view but as Lem.l Gifford, a friend from Sand-
wich who is visiting families within this
preparative meeting had an appointment
here at 10 Oclk we remained later than
usual so as to finish our morning meal
about the time of the Friends' visit that
no time might be lost — The call

was very Satisfactory Lend. Spoke in a very mild and Excellent Spirit encouraging all the children as well as the Parents to seek for the highest enjoyments of religion and disregard the Vanities and follies of the world — to seek Wisdom & Strength from above to withstand the inticements which assail all and particularly the young to withdraw them from from that Spiritual Com. with the author and supporter of our lives, in which is Safety & happiness unalloyed — Li's companion also made a short exhortation — to induce us to examine what were the tendencies of our wishes and desires — whether they indicated that our treasure is sought in earth or in heaven, for where our treasure is there will our hearts be also". — Barnabas Taber accompanied the Friends — At the Close of the visit I returned to my business duties at the C.H. House &c. — and as my breakfast was late remained at the C.H. Hse. till w.f. Ed. riding me in the afternoon — Our little girls had some of their little friends with them as Teacher Elisa Perry accompanying her younger sisters — attended the lecture at the Lyceum on subject this times by Farnsworth —

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4th. day 21 — Engaged at the C.g. House as of late — Thos. assisting me in the morng & forenoon and Edwd. in the afternoon. I continued my work alone in the w.j.

5th. day 22. Occupied as of late at the C.g. House in the review of my books for the last 3½ years — my Sons giving me their assistance in reading off for the Wheel Ledger which was completed this forenoon — and in the comparison of this with the book

~~Jane~~ J. at home Joanna Rotch with us at tea and her brother Benj.a called to attend her home late in the ev.g — Rachel H. feels a strong interest in them as the orphan children of he deceased friend

6th. day 23. Engaged as of late in my C.g. House task. with the aid of my Sons Thos being with me also in the ev.g —

7th. day 24th. Getting on as I best can with my comparison of accounts — worked alone as it is in the ev.g — having taken tea & supper at mothers to save the time of the walk to my more distant home — This being Christmas eve — Sisters & the Children were at Church

1st. day 25th. Attended meetings as usual Rachel H. Thos with me in the morning & Thos also in the afternoon — The others at the Episcopal Mtg — I was at W. Peabody's lecture in the ev.g with Thos — o

the abuses by which the Papal power grew up and established itself during the dark ages to be the Supreme Authority over the Temporal as well a Spiritual interests of the world Kings and emperors acknowledging its supremacy or resisting with but Partial success

2d. day 26th Engaged at the C.J. House as usual — on account a slight lameness arising probably from a Train I rode to & from the store in the afternoon — remained there till C Peck and omitted to visit with the Children & their aunt as my bro Williams at tea was there H. Frantz from late indisposition & little Ellen at home

3d. day 27th I continued my duties at the C.J. House riding to favor my temporarily impaired locomotive powers — Mother & Sister Eliza dined & with us the latter with the Children went to the Lyceum lecture — by Edmund Quincy of Boston on Socrates — I remained at home — Mother seems very comfortable and cheerful at her advanced age —

4th. day 28th Engaged assiduously at my C.J. House task through the day & C.J. I rode down in the morning but my lameness is so much better that I was able to dispense with the further use of the C.J. We had our hogs killed yesterday — there were

two alarms of fire soon after sunset the first originating from the partial burning of Dexter's Paint Shop at the Corner of Union & Orange St — which was soon got under — the second if not a false alarm I was unable to trace ~~it~~ and such I believe was the case with nearly all who sallied forth to protect our wooden town from the dreadful Mastery of that essential element — I returned in both instances to my Cf. House labors which were continued without supper till about 10 Oclk 5th Day 29th Occupied as of late at the Cf. Hse — My sons endeavoring to aid me but from their inexperience in the use of spades they can render but little service — The exercise however is useful to them if not important to me. I took my walk before sunrise and my supper after 10 Oclk — I attended the Bank Directors meeting — I ought to have remarked ~~yesterday~~ yesterdays' date that I went for the 3d time with little Ellen to Dr Brigham the dentist — and though her courage failed her on the two former occasions she then met the trial with unhesitating firmness, and a large double tooth was successfully extracted —

6th day 30th After making some arrangements relative to the Temp. Cause & the Martha Washington Soc'y who are now holding a Fair in Town to forward their good Cause the Cause of humanity and the world as well as of their relatives neighbors & Townsmen, which Fair my engagements preclude me from attending — I took an early breakfast and went to the C.H. House where I spent the day having my Clerk bro't to me by Edmund when he came down to assist me in the afternoon, as his brother had endeavored to do in the morning, but their slight practice in figures prevent their affording any material assistance — I remained at the C.H. till about 10 Oclk

7th Day 31st I took an early breakfast and spent the whole day and till about 10 O'Clk in the evg at the C.H. House at my task and completed my trial balance of the accounts in the ledger — but was unsuccessful in obtaining a perfect equality of the D. & Cr. sides — so that some further attention will be required to this preliminary process which I hoped would not be the case in the new year

1st Day 1st mo. 1. 1843 — Attended meetings at Friends place of worship in the morning and afternoon — and in the evg at Mr. M.J. Hoe's

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to Mr Peabody's historical lecture — which was on the Monastic institutions and very interesting as have been the preceding — affording striking evidence of the advance of mankind in truth and intelligence — with which and in an equal proportion perhaps the comforts and happiness of mankind in their Social relations have increased — in correspondence with their progress in true Civilization — all of which probably may be ascribed to the gradual initiation of those portions of the inhabitants of the world where Christianity has been nominally established into a more just appreciation of its Spirit & tendency — for to this portion & the influence of them upon others is this amelioration in great measure confined

2? day 2? — I rose early again to the C.G. House in continuance of my task of rectifying & verifying my Accts. — after a late breakfast I gave some time to making purchases for me Chere tt to distribute in tokens of remembrance & Charity on this day of joyful anticipations and grateful recollections — This accomplished I returned again to the C.G. House and remained there till near 4 Oclk. then com

home and made a call at bro: Wm — and aunt Mary's Thos. R. Robeson's and my bro: Benjamin's — before my second Meal — after which I called at my bro and Sister Jonas's — I called also on mother last eve — She seems happy and well as on previous new years days — and though far advanced in the journey of life — may not unprobably be spared for the enjoyment of others yet to come — After the fulfilment of these social duties I again went to the Mg. House and remained till late in the eve — I might have mentioned in my note of yesterday that Matthew Howland's bride late Rachel Smith of Burlington appeared in Supplication in the morn: g. meeting — I could hear very indistinctly, but what I did hear was of a sweet & interesting nature — The Mg. seemed solemnized at the instance of dedication to Religious duty

3d day 3d — My time with the exception of the hours of my two meals has been devoted to the Mg. house this 4th day 4th. — The day & eve have been spent as of late at the Mg. Hse

5th day 5th — Went early to the Mg. House — after a late breakfast

at the Close of the Bank Directors Mg. which I attended — I gave some time a commission in the Temp.ce Cause and then attended the mid week Religious Mg. of Friends — after calling at home I returned to the C.g. House and remained till 6 Oclk. Then to Supper (my 2.d meal) and to the Monthly Mg. of the Temp.ce Cause this duty over I went again to the C.g. House I finished the Mg — Sister P. & Mary dined at Bro. Benj.a — and the boys went there to tea — The Mg. mild but rainy — They however got home well

6.th day 6.th My time has been almost wholly given to my C.g. House engagements taking my two meals which I find convenient in saving me one or two hours of undisturbed application in the middle of the day — and probably rather conducive to health than otherwise while so much confined to the C.g. house — taking a late breakfast and a hearty Supper with the family as 6. — Sister Ellen was with us at tea — and I called at Mothers. on my way to the C.g. house for my Mg duties

7.th day 7.th The day Spent as of late having finished balancing the Acc.ts in my ledger at 11 Oclk

Our Susan has been troubled with pain in Shoulder probably Rheumatic for some days — and yesterday to as to detain her from School — Dr. Read visited her to day — and prescribed — 1st Day 8th attended meetings as usual at Friends place of worship Thomas with me in the forenoon the others generally as the Episcopal Church — who were out — Mr. Chew H. at home not being quite well enough to expose himself to a damp Atmosphere — also little Sue — who is much troubled with her Rheumatic pains and confined to the nursery — I called at the close of the afternoon Mg, after accompanying Fred.k Robeson who sat by me in a call on our family — to see Mary Taber relative to her grandson J. P. Taber's absence from School — on acc.t of harsh treatment as they allege, and I presume not without provocation from Mr. Dow — as usual I found it difficult to escape from her copious discourse — which detained us late home to tea — went in the evg. with Tho.s to hear Mr. Peabody's Lecture on Ecclesiastical Hist.y subject the terrible abuses which had crept into the Ch.ch and the atrocious crimes of its functionaries which led the way for the Reformation. and the Character and Lives of the first reformers Wickliffe & Huss — The latter being the

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1st Martyr — and the horrible persecutions of his followers the Waldenses Albigenses &c with the military character which the avowed disciples of the Cross generally assumed — This review of the Past shows by contrast the inestimable advantages of our own times, and should excite our devout gratitude that our allotment is here dispensed —

2d. day 9th — Again I resumed at an early hour my Cg. House duties — and continued them with little intermission till night taking a late breakfast and supper only — and passing the ev. also at the Cg. House

3d. day 10th Again the day has been passed in the discharge of Cg. House duties, as of late I did not go to the Lyceum lecture which was given by Mr. Giles on Lord Byron — completed the review of my books — producing nearly an exact bal.ce of the ledger — but not much more so than ten days ago and have been effected but for a singular omission to rectify the cash balance by an error in the books early discovered — bro't my short ledger from the Cg. House

4th. Day 11th Having accomplished the job which has interrupted the course of

of my usual C.J. House employments. I gave to these the working hours of the day & C.J. only and did not go to the Store before breakfast and was at with the family at all our meals. 5th day I attended the meeting of Friends and — on returning home had the pleasant surprise of finding my wife's brother Edm? here — he having arrived in the Rail Road train — and left our friends in New-York in usual health — I spent the afternoon in writing up the books of the Estate & the Wharf &c — After tea I went to the Store and was occupied till a late hour in relation to the joint concern with Sta Howland & Myself & bro. W^m

6th day 13th Engaged at the C.J. House through the day & eve — excepting the morning hour and some calls on business made in the early part of the evening for my brother Benjamin who is in Boston and sent me a message by Hatch the Express this eve —

7th day 14 — Went to the Rail Road Depot to see A.D. Hatch in relation to my brothers business before the Starting of the Cars — On returning stopped a few minutes at the C.J. House — the business hours of the day and the eve were spent in my C.J. House, where I am yet considerably behind my business.

1st Day 15th Attended Meeting as usual at Friends place of Worship — Mackerel with little Ellen

also there in the Mg — all of the boys with their Uncle Ed. in the afternoon — went in the eg. to hear Mr. Peabody's lecture but Mr. Upham of Salem supplied this Office though he was present. with a lecture on the Providence of God guiding unseen the destinies of Nations, as truly as in the Operations of the Physical universe. This idea he illustrated by a rapid glance at the most remarkable events in influencing dispersing and establishing Nations in the annals of the Race — He is the man who gave a Series of lectures several years since here of a historical character in Sketches of some remarkable Men as connected with early Settlement and progress of the British Colonies in America and the Am. Revolution — Lydia Greene called towards eve —

2. day 16th with the days devoted to Secular affairs my duties at the Cg. Have been returned and contin. through the day and till late in the eg — taking my eg meal as mothers, Our little Lee having a party of her little friends — An alarm of fire soon after 10 Oclk made me leave off rather abruptly — The cause proved to be the partial conflagration of a jewellers Shop on Purchase Street

— the principal injury was to the contents
3d day 14th Again I have been devoted
to Cg House occupations having repaired
thither before breakfast, and again after
tea — The pressure of my engagements
not admitting of my attend J. the third &
probably the last for the Season of the Rev
H Giles Lecture — Sister Crewe attended
subject Elliot the Author of the Corn
Law Rhymes. 4th day 18th devoted to Cg Hse duties
5th day 19th Spent the day at the Cg House
viz the usual business hours remaining at home
till after breakfast and returning early to tea.
— We having a visit from Matthew & Rachel How-
land, George & Gertrude Hussey & their father in
Robert Murray to tea — Sister Elida was
also with us — We had a very pleasant
visit — Rachel to whom I was now first
introduced appears to be a lovely woman
uniting a retiring modesty to her personal at-
tractions and remarkable devotion to religious
duty — her style of dress is that of the English
friends. Matthew may consider himself a very
fortunate man in having been able to win
the affections of so fine a woman, so intel-
ligent beautiful & good —
6th day 20th Occupied at the Cg Hse through
the day and evening — Called in on going to
the Cg House after tea at the Anti Slavery
meeting called in consequence of the infor-

Station that another requisition had been received by the Governor from the Governor of Virginia for the delivery of Geo. Latimer the Slave who made his escape to Boston and was there incarcerated for some days at the instance of Gray an agent from Norfolk sent for his recovery but who was finally released as illegally holden by our State Officers, and whose freedom was bought for about $400 by some friend or friends of the Cause of Emancipation — Whose case had been the occasion of a great & extensive excitment of the Citizens of this State to the subject of Slavery and its dangers to our own Citizens on our own Soil as well as its evils to its doomed subjects and the free people of Color when they by accident or business are carried into some of the Southern States. Latimer being from here — on the occasion of the Latimer County Convention which was held in this town on the 18th Inst. — I stopped in on my way to the Store in the Eve but did not remain more than a minute — Remond was speaking and the Town Hall was nearly full — I called in also at the Eve Session of the Convention on the 18th in hope to see Latimer but he was not on the platform (at Liberty Hall and I did not remain, as my business

would not permit me to give much time
at the impulse of inclination — at the
close of that ev.g there was an attempt
at a disturbance by the boys to break up
the mg. but they did not succeed either
in the house or by the False alarm of
fire which they endeavord to raise in
the Streets — The was a good deal of noise
this ev.g also occasiond I think prin-
cipally by the rabble of boys & de collect-
ed about "Liberty Hall" which was illu-
minated by the Locofocos in honor if the
election again of their Candidate Marcus
Morton to the Gubernatorial Chair by
One Vote in the Legislature, as he had been
in 1839 by One vote by the people. Our Su-
san and Mary were as a party as Jack
Percy in the ev.g — Edm.d also as a later
hour to accompany his Sisters home —
— but their return was at a very unreason-
ably late hour — considering especially
our Susans health which has detained
her from School for several weeks - symp-
toms Pain in the left Shoulder which make
it painful to move it Some direction
7th Day 21 Devoted the day & Ev.g to Ch. Hse
Duties — The preparation for the removal of Gen.
Howlands building from the line of Water St. has
been in progress as I see this Journal for some time
before the commence.t of this week & during the present

week they have been but slightly if at all interrupted. and the job of removal has been nearly accomplished. one day more will probably be sufficient to remove it wholly to the eastward of the East line of the Street

1st day 22 — Attended meeting. All at Pine as Friends' Place of Worship — with ma Chem H in the Morng. — and in the Aftn. I went with her and sister Phebe and the two elder children to Cpar Church — Thos. L Francis went to the Mtg. of the Washingtonians at their Hall — and heard a Lecture from Dr. Reache on Cider & Beer. — I have been much interested in reading Dr. Follen's Essay on the future State of Men — and I hope it will be to my permanent advantage — his views are discussing careful considerations. and present a new aspect to life and its trials which may do much to aid us in giving the latter the beneficent effect designed in their dispensation by the all wise and benevolent Author of Providence

2 day 23. Attended the Bank Directors Meeting and devoted the day to the few Some details of the Cy House. which at this Season are very laborious in the attention required to petty details in the correct adjustment of the annual accounts which relate to the Loans

actions of the past year — Evg. as home having a visit from Mother & Sister Elizabeth Dinner with the addition at tea of Bro: Benj.a & Sister Sarah's families, only Isaac however of the Children of the latter — also Eliz.a Morgan & Emma Drinker — Weather 3.d day 24.th Occupied at the Cg. House through the day and eve — J. M. Pierce & Co. began to move my buildings to accommodate the opening of Water St — across my premises — and to fulfil my agreement with Geo. Howland. — the same men having just finished the removal of his large work Shop which stood in the line of the Street —
4.th day 25.th My monotonous engagements have again very much engrossed my time — at the Cg. House, somewhat varied however by a little supervision of the work on the wharf — the small building at the east of my Cg. House Store having been set and on its new Seite near the end of the main wharf to accommodate vessels repairing &c. for other purposes on the wharf. Sister Phebe had a visit from delegates of the Mo.g of Friends to inform her of her disownment in consequence of her having united herself with the Episcopal Soc.y of this Town — they were kind and very much concerned for

her departure from the faith of her ancestors but less enlarged by that expansive Charity that can overlook the small diversities in the Great brotherhood of Christians than it would be desirable to have seen —

5th day 2d — Spent the day in the discharge of my duties at the Bank & Cg House &c, taking my breakfast before the family, but not absenting myself from the Mg. devotional reading — I did not attend the religious Mg of the day the details of my Cg. House engagements making it proper to omit the observance of a custom which I approve — At tea we had the company of a Church Friend of Sisters. Mr Marshall of Boston, who is now on a visit to Hannah Riddell — Georgiana Riddell Mrs Lambert Sarah Ann Chewer Chs & Edl. H. Randall Rod.k Morgan & late in the Mg. Mrs L Rodman & his sister Eliz.th Weld. — Mr L. Miss Marshall & Sister Rhoda went to the Mg. of S.S. teachers after tea & returned

6th day 27th Engaged at the Cg House principally in relation to my Mothers business, giving some attention to the workmen who are occupied in the removal of my buildings. I removed the Shop originally built by Asa Russell, the first on the lot which I bought of my Uncle Francis — and which by my act of generosity in dividing

the Surplus land which my deed by the Measurements did not cover but of which by the monuments I had an unquestionable title, acquiesced in on all hands — This I should not have done had the survey at the time been made by a more competent hand and with more perfect instruments than John Pitkens & the Compass which at that time was alone used in defining lines — the boundary on Second Street between George Howland & my then recently purchased lot was removed from 1 to 2 ft to the Northward with my consent, but with the understanding as is fully shown by the Memo on the first page or pages of the 1st number of this diary — that the line was so to run from the S. Conventional monument as to retain the Scite of the S Shop — the South side of which it was to strike or just clear in its course eastward to the river — But on a resurvey by Jos Congdon at Geo Howlands instance when he was about to build his North Wall, but to which I was not a party and with held my assent — the line was made to strike just about as much on my Shop as the Monument had been removed Northward on Second St, so that it appeared, if the last survey was entitle to credit as I supposed to be the Case from the characteristic accuracy of the Surveyor, it was wholly an erroneous impression which led to my former action in the premises — But though dissatisfied

with this unexpected State of things and by no means bound to acquiesce in Geo.rs time it being a clear deviation from the original understanding. — time run on and he built his substantial wall, — we were neighbors and I had supposed friends, though on this occasion he showed a selfishness not very accordant with true friendship, — and it was too small a matter to interrupt our subsequent harmonious intercourse, and there fore I intended to acquiesce in the encroachment as it certainly was: — and the only thing which prevented my demonstrating to the conviction of any impartial mind who might attend to the subject, was the fact of my having removed the Shop, 30 or 40 ft to eastward of its original position — which furnished George with an argument, though not of the slightest force if the facts of it's removal had been enquired into when they were distinctly within the recollection of the workmen employed on the job, as they were when the encroachment was first made, — which to those unacquainted with the case, except from his representations would naturally give some plausibility to his story — Had I recollected at the time of George's movement, the memorandum which I made at the period of the adjustment of the Western boundary

I doubt not that I should have prevented the encroachment — but the notes which would have proved the agreement were not at the time remembered, and my daily concerns prevented my doing more than to avoid all action which could imply assent to his proceedings — till for the reasons before referred to I had concluded to let things remain with the probability that I should admit the Wall for the boundary — — and until the selfish policy on which he acted in relation to Water Street, by refusing to allow me to participate in its benefits after it had been effected by my agency in a greater degree than that of any other person (as is shown by my correspondence with him and the overseers on the subject of his unkind & illiberal course on that occasion) had placed his Character before me in a new or stronger light than his proceedings in regard to the division line, I did not appear to do otherwise —. But I then changed my views and I intended to maintain my legal rights in that particular, unless he could be induced to take the course which equity & honor prescribed through the influence of the Overseers of the Meeting of this Society in this place, before whom I had laid my grievances & — That appeal aided perhaps by the knowledge of my advantage

in the other case, which I had also explained to the Friends. finally resulted in my acceptance of the condition on which he offered to give me a direct Com.n with Water St. instead of suffering it to remain at a trifling expense for me to cross his lot by the West end of my Store, as I had expected to do and should have been satisfied with till by mutual consent the Straight route should be at a future time substituted. The condition (the filling up of my repairing dock in the rear of Water St. which could do nobody any good further improvements at the north end warrant the extension of the Street to Maxfield St.) then first offered, appeared arbitrary and unreasonable, because there was no immediate or near prospect of such extension, as the passage to Hillman St. on the South side of the dock was more than double the width of Water on the north, and several feet wider than Hillman St. itself. Yet as it gave me the advantage of a direct communication at a much earlier period than I had ever expected it, I took the advice of the overseers and our difficulties were thus adjusted. it being at my option to gain that direct

com[n]. as early as I chose by making the sacrifice of the use & convenc[e] of the dock for repairing, and incurring the expense incidental to making a doway across it. —
I therefore concluded to do it without delay and it was accomplished last Autumn — last week Geo. removed his building which stood in the line of the St. preparatory to filling his dock, which by the by was of no value to him as such, and my buildings are now removed so as to fulfill on my part the agreement to the letter and spirit — I have brought the small shop in a N.E[y] direction from its Seite so that its front about coincides with the line of the N[o] side of my large Store — this removal was completed this afternoon, and it now remains to keep it in its position by putting under stone bloodings for a foundation and remove the timber & rottenside — — and this I hope all ground for contention between Geo & me is taken away — and by proper caution no other I trust will ever appear
— Thos & Lydia Greene took tea with us — and I remained with them through the eve. their sister Eliza Mitchell was also with us, the three elder children with her Son Walter (now spending his college vacation at home) were at the Concert by the Musical

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Shaws. for the "Benefit" of the Orphan asylums

7th day 28th Engaged assiduously by Cy. House duties through the day and from an early hour before breakfast — and in the ev. on ant. of the State of weather which might render it unpleasant to be out in the ev — I took my papers and continued my Calculations through the ev. and till a late hour at home — The business had reference to my mothers house on Water St.

1st day 29th Attended Meetings as usual at Friends place of Worship — In the afternoon Rachel Howland again made a short prayer her voice too low to admit of my understanding any connected Sentence — The effect on the mg was solemnizing — There acts of juvenile or youthful dedication & under her bridal circumstances and their present accompaniments. We all has a power which the Lady Shaws of the veteran preachers of the Society can seldom reach — in the forenoon our Mary went to Friends mg. with her mother in this deviation from her custom arose from the wish that she might be present at one of Rachel's openings — but she was disappointed and the

was not there in the afternoon — I was at home except during the meeting hours through the day & Ev — My reading a review of Ignatius Loyola Spiritual exercises — which contains a very interesting acct. of himself & some of his associates es — pecially Francis Xavier the Apostle of the Indies, whose self sacrificing devotion to the Spiritual interests of the inhabitants of the vast region of which he was the Pioneer Missionary of Christianity may well put to the blush the more modern advocates of its blessed truths though too tinctured with Bigotry & error them was his Religion Faith. his was a heroism of Character devoted to the highest objects of human effort to which the history of the race can furnish few parallels. — Judge Prescott called in the ev — Friday 30th Took an early breakfast and went to the Store Bank &c where my time was given to the objects requiring my attention the building removed from my neighbors line was partially blocked up — the post in the ground offering a considerable impediment to the workmen — I was also in the Chancery engaged in Ch Howe Calcul at home till a late hour — Sister Phebe & Mary with the children were at A. Rolerson's on a visit the two first also at Dr

3d. day 29th 1st mo — my C.G. Home employments have again principally engaged my attention — The workmen nearly finished their job of placing and securing my wharf buildings in their new positions — but the rain set in and obliged them to quit before the day was wholly spent — a violent Storm from the S.E. ensued, the wind blowing with great force about three hours viz from 6 to 9 P.M. when it veered to the west and moderated — I came home between 8 & 9 — Tonight this was the eve'g of the Lyceum Lecture & neither of our sons attended and I think the audience must have been very small

4th day 2 mo. 1 — Spent the day & eve'g till a late hour at my C.G. Home duties the weather mild rain & snow falling most of the day but without any accumulation of the latter our two eldest children at a bridal party for Susan Parsons at Jacob Pennys — they were one nearly as late as myself —

5th day 2d. Went early to the C.G. Home & Bank and took breakfast after the Directors meeting with mother and sister Eliza — The former has been a little unwell with something of her old complaint, pain at the lungs, but she this morning feels rather better this Morn — I spent the day

principally at the Q. House — and was there again for an hour or more after the adg. of the Temperance Conv.n — at the Inst.n for Savings — Our three eldest Children were at Geo Howlands at tea Geo & Susan at Providence —

6th day 3. Spent the day in the discharge of Q. House duties — Wf. at home having the company of Saml. & Susan Parsons Gw & Rachel Howland Eliza Peggy & Emma Nye Sisters Sarah & Eliza to tea. The Wf. passed pleasantly — Rachel is a very interesting young woman, transplanted from her native genial Soil by the accident of the event of Marriage her gentle & sensitive spirit feels I suspect the rupture of kindred attachments and accustomed associations as it very natural before the full substitution or assumption of those which incidental or peculiar to the new locality in which She is placed and the changed circumstances with which She is surrounded. Time may & doubtless will render he situation more congenial with her tastes & feelings. Though the path of Christian devotion to duty which She has chosen for herself, though marked by its superior and peculiar attractions & rewards — will make it less easy to assimilate with and take the line of the Society around her than it otherwise might be

7th day 4th. This being the day of the annual Mg. of the Rotch Whf Co of which I am treasurer, the day has been devoted to preparation of my accts. — and the Co. to the meeting which as usual was held at my uncle Wm's Office, and the recording of its doings as the Secy — The accts. books of the Company being at my house I have only been on one or two errands to the Co. House to day — The book of Records after having submitted the record of this Mg. to the examination of my mother and Aunt Mary. I propose as heretofore to lodge with my Uncle as the Trust. of the Co. My bro Wm was not as heretofore at the Mg as the Atty of his mother

1st day 5th Attended meetings as usual in the morning and afternoon. The Snow Storm prevented many being in attendance at the several places of worship in the afternoon. Sister Phebe & Mary were at Grace Church in the forenoon but considerable Snow fell during the Service so that measures were in progress for bringing them home when they arrived — Thos. Wm was my companion at Friends Mg — Ed. at home somewhat indisposed in the forenoon — but he went to the Episcopal Service in the afternoon — all at home in

the eg – Ma chere H. a little unwell with a cold

2.day 6th Attended at the Bank Directors meeting and devoted the day and eg. to Cg. House duties – made some enquiry for Thos Boucher to secure his protection to Catharine Hickey to Syracuse where she wishes to go to live with her Son – but did not succeed in finding him

3d day 7th In addition to my Cg. House engagements which principally claimed my attention I made further enquiry for T. Boucher and succeeded in making known our wishes in relation to Mrs Hickey – left the Cg. House in time to hear about half of Jn.o H. Drinkers lecture before the Lyceum on "Sentiment" which he treated as synonamous with a sensibility to the sublime & beautiful and a general sympathy with human life & moral excellence

4th Day 8th Spent a considerable time in measures to ascertain the time of T. Boucher's departure & to get the information of her mothers intention of going to Syracuse to Mary Murphy of Fairhaven – Ver. of the Day devoted to Cg. House duties where I was occupied till towards 9.o Clk when I came home to tea – not expecting to be much at the Store house [illegible] in the eve –

Mr Cheri H had a call from Saml L Susan Parsons and Matthew L Rachel Howland — the latter expecting to go home for a visit at Burlington to-morrow.

5th day 9th Went to the Cg. H. after breakfast and was there through the usual hours of business returning in time to join the family at tea without the necessity of returning there again — The onerous pressure of my business duties being about over for the Season I shall have some time I trust to devote to other and more congenial objects, detained from the meeting by a call on business at the meeting hour — Sister Eliza took tea with us L Gilbert Russell called in the eg to see our children

6th day 10th Attended to Cg House duties in the forenoon and in the afternoon was at the Examination of the Academy Scholars. the quarterly term being at its close after the Exercises were over I went to the Cg. House and was there engaged an hour — after wards at home through too late to take the Cg. meal with my family — Sister P L the Children as C W. Morgans

7th day 11th Rose early to do an errand to the R. R. Office — and afterward went to the Cg. House to avail of a fresh S E. wind to perform some cleansing operations — which had been long forborn on

ance of the pressure of business & the inconveniences attending a disturbance of the papers in use — A violent rain Storm prevailed in the forenoon — My time at the Cg. House during the forenoon — had Nathan Crosby the Tem. Agent to dine with us — after his departure I went again to the Cg. Ho., evg. at home

1st Day 12 — Morng. devoted to preparing the Temp.ce papers for distribution — at Friends mtg Adel & Pell and at Grace Church in the evg — Rachel Howland spoke a few words in the mtg but in so low a voice that I could not understand her — She was followed by others. and the mtg was edifying to me — The evg sermon by Mr. Lambert was on the Advent of the Messiah — in opposition to the prevailing excitement growing out of Miller's interpretation of the Prophesy which fixes the present year as the epoch of that sublime event — Mr. L. avowed the faith of the Church in the reality of the 2d. advent, but disclaimed on her behalf all foreknowledge of its period — C. H. Morgan who has been to Phil.a and Washington returned last evg — and made a call on us justin after our evg meal — he was with Sister & self at the

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2d. day 13th. Attended to Cg. House duties throughout the day, and in the evg. called to see Mr. Morrison and enquire after his wife who has been in a very critical situation for several weeks but they are now in great measure relieved from their anxiety, though very feeble — made a pleasant call, I have always liked him for his kind heartedness and amiable feelings as well as his superior intelligence — Dr Shattuck has been here twice to see Mrs. M. and it was partly to ascertain whether he was again here or likely to be that I called this evg — as we are desirous of having some better advice than our Physicians are competent to give in relation to our little Indian Girl, the debility and pain about the Shoulders still being a source of uneasiness to us — Chs. & Eliz.a Randall spent the evg. with our Children

3d. day 14th. At the Cg. House during the business hours of the day & till about the Lyceum Lecture hour where I heard Jas. B. Congdon's lecture on the "Moral Exchequer" — The Records of the Virtue & Wisdom of Past ages which have descended to us in in history, tradition Science and the accumulated experience of ages

and nations as embodied in the existing State of Civilization in different portions of the world to light the present generation of man on the pathway of existence and aid him in his onward career of improvement and progress to the highest results of wisdom virtue & happiness for which he is fitted by the Capacities given him by his Creator — the production abounded with just thoughts and elevated sentiments but was deficient in good taste, and therefore open to censure which many I think were predisposed to bestow — The night was stormy which made the audience smaller than usual. — Edmund only of our children was there & his Cousin Rodman accompanied him home & finished the evg — Mr Hickey did not leave to day as he expected and it is not unlikely that the Snow & probable obstruction of the R. Road to Albany may detain him another day

4th day 15th Spent the business hours of the day at the Cy House — evg. at home — Dr Reed made a further examination of our little Lewis's right Shoulder & is confirmed in his opinion that it is quite local in its character and does not originate in any distortion of the Spine — which we feared — the arm

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near the shoulder is smaller than the right arm which shows a wasting of the muscle either from the inaction induced by the injury or disease — The D. thinks it possible it may have been occasioned as the girls perceived it when sliding that it may have proceeded from a sprain or partial rupture of the ligaments which attach the Collar bone to the Sternum which he found was the point most sensitive to the touch — Our three elder children were at Capt. Randalls in the evg — and staid too late — We have had rain snow & sleet to day which has enveloped every twig and other object in an incrustation of ice which in the bright moon light of the evg has a brilliant and fanciful effect on the wintry landscape

5th day 16th Morning at home as of late business hours of the day at the Q. house evg. at home — was detained again from the week day meeting contrary to my wishes — Sister Phebe with Mary and Edmund have intended to go to morrow to Taunton, the former to attend some services connected with the "Church" but intelligence is received this evg of the sudden death of the old Bishop (Griswold) in consequence of which the new Bishop (Eastburn) has put aside the services and the journey —

6th Day 17th Spent the day in attending to Cg. & the duties Cg. at home — Benj. S. Rotch passed part of the eg. with us — he having left his legislative duties and come from Boston yesterday afternoon to spend a day at home — he expects to return to morrow morning — our three elder Children are this eg. at a Party at Geo Hussey Sen.r — Sister Eliza was at tea here, my business detained me from the sociality of the meal —

7th Day 18th Morning at home business hours at the Cg. House — dispatched to Professor Espy at Washington my Meteorological observations for the 11th. 12th. & 1st. mos. — The two first were delayed by Jos. Congdon whom I got to compare them with his to supply some omissions — took my eg. meal at mothers having occasion to call on her business Ch.n & Benj.n families were visiting there — B. arrived this eg from Boston where he has been in relation to his ice business — of which article there is now an ample supply in this vicinity — he will probably complete his stock to the full dimensions of his ice house next week — He brings an unfavorable report of Mr. Fanan's health — Henry Blood from New Orleans called in my absence this eg —

1st Day 19th Attended Friends Meeting forenoon and afternoon — and in the eg went to Grace Church and heard Mr. Lamberts 2d lecture on

the 2? Advent — ma chere H. at home throughout the day, the weather being unfavorable and the walking slippery — 2? day 20th a cold which has troubled me for a few days, disturbed me by coughing last night so that I was later in rising than usual — at the Bank and at Home through the day — went with Mrs. Hickey after dinner to the Rail Road Depot to put her under the care of Thos. Bowker for Syracuse N.Y. They start under favorable prospects for a comfortable journey and I trust that in 48 hours from the time of starting she will be with her son, and realize her hopes of finding with him a comfortable home in her declining age — I rode in the Sleigh from the Store to the Depot, but the snow & ice has run off so rapidly to day that it was a very unpleasant mode of conveyance this is the first I believe & the last of my Sleigh riding this winter — Sybil Robeson took tea with us — Thos. calling for her early in the evg after taking their little Anna on his way from Ch. Morgans also our little Ellen whom was a little pet to in honor of Bessie's birth day — the early return of Ellen was so great a disappointment to her, that we let Thos. (her bro?) take her back again, as the walking had become better.

3d day 21st. Gave the business hours of the day to the duties of the Cg House &c. at the Lyceum Lecture which was by on the Cultivation of the voice — It consisted in copious recitations and readings from Shakespeare Scott Byron Moore & Dickens — his manner is theatrical but probably appropriate to the different emotions which the language indicated and were natural to the occasions and subjects — The style on the whole of the lecture was much lighter than the general character of the Lyceum lectures — not much other than momentary amusement to be gained from it

4th. Day 22d. Attended to Cg House duties through the day, or during the usual business hours, Snow in the afternoon — having had a slight cold for the last few days I was not sufficiently careful to guard by an additional garment in going out — and I perceive a consequent increase of cold — Ma chere & expected to go to Sister Sarah's to tea but owing to an unexplicit message I disappointed her in not coming up sufficiently early, however from the State of the weather and our health I think it best that we did not go —

5th Day 23d I find myself more unwell but having invited Geo Harvey Sen.r & Junr families to visit us this afternoon it was necessary

that our furnace should be made to act with more efficiency, the draught having become choked for want of a knowledge of its construction by Alex[r] and the Gas was therefore turned into the kitchen to the great annoyance of the part of the family there — I was therefore obliged to give my personal attention, which occupied most of the forenoon, and required me to make an errand to the Stone cutters to readjust the Grate more perfectly and admit of clearing the draught through the door under the Grate at pleasure as originally designed — the weather was very cold, and after finishing my part of the domestic job, I attended to the business of the day, and was at the C. P. room in the afternoon, riding however to and from — Our friends came in the ev[g] — but I was quite unwell Chilly & feverish — remained with them through the visit and then put myself on the sick list — and retired with sundry remedial appliances. —

6[th] Day 24[th] Had a poor night & am to day poorly & feverish — Spent the day principally in the library with a good fire reading Newspapers &c

7[th] Day 25[th] Had another poor night but have been better to day, with little fever, had sundry calls, and in the ev[g] had a meet[g] of Sab. Sem. Com[e]

of the 4th Dist.—
1st day 26th— Read papers &c
I find myself less well
to day— probably exerted myself too much
yesterday. Cough considerably as night
— bled very light — principally on indian
meal gruel. had several calls to day
2d. day 27th. Had a better night and
was up in the parlor before breakfast — this
myself nearly well — but towards noon
began to be feverish — and had a dull
afternoon &c— Ma chere & I chose to call
in Dr. Read about this time ~~a day or~~
~~two later~~ who prescribed &c
3d. day 28th. Gave some attention to my
Weather Table — Nell & Pell wrote
a letter to go by the British Steam Packet
— which was rather an task. and I
was more indisposed in the eve
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6th day 31st. 10 Since the date of my
last note, till the last two days I have
been with slight exception confined to
the nursery lodging there as might to have
the benefit of an equable temperature
— fever light with tendency to exacerbation
every other day — I improved the leisure
in looking over the papers which my engage-
ments when in health obliged me to omit
reading in course — Dr. R. called daily &
sometimes twice, also Sister Elvira and
Sundry of my other relatives. particu-

Early my brothers on first days —

Yesterday had a call in the forenoon from Cousin Jas. Arnold — to confer about a meeting of the Syracuse Salt Co — which was agreed upon for the afternoon at my house — at which Wm Chs. & J. Arnold attended. The State of that concern though pretty fair on paper is unsatisfactory from the large Amt of Outstanding debts — now amg. to about $31.000 with 65.000 bu Salt on hand — The great reduction of prices for all descriptions of Country produce as well as of Salt presents great embarrassments in prosecuting the business. The accts of the Agt Stephen Smith exhibits the Co. in debt to him for the expense of the enlargt. of the Salt House 100 ft. by 30, incidental expenses of Manufg & duties on the 20th mill: $1000. though nothing has been remitted the past year in liquidation of the advance in payt. of the Cal. of 1841 of $40000 —

Our little Jane has been blistered for her infirm Shoulder about 10 Ds. since and 4 leaches were applied on 3. day of the present week — the puncture bled freely through the day and some of them again in the night — She has felt but little of the pain the two last days and I hope will be of permanent

benefit — Sister Phebe has a severe cold and Thos. is somewhat indisposed with Sore throat &c —

7th. Day 11th. I thought myself well enough to go to the Cg. House to day, but as the weather was damp I was induced by the remonstrances of the Family to relinquish my intention — and remained at home gave some attention to my business which has become pressing — resumed also the care of my meteorological register — in which there has been considerable omissions occasioned by an obstruction to the proper action of the Barometer — Had a call from Asa Hill on the business of the Temp.ce Com.ee

1st. Day 12th. — Finding myself with a head ache to day I further delayed my going abroad — and did not attend meeting as I hoped to do — had calls from Daniel G. H. Morgans and Bro. Benj.n Families — and in the ev.g. our Miss Orleans friend Henry Blood called to see us he is now from Vermont where he has been on a visit to his family — Sister P. Mar. Chesterman & Thomas & Lue also at home confined with cold &c.

2d. day 13th. Went to the M.g. of Bank Directors in the morn.g — and spent the usual hours of business at the Cg. House. from which I have been longer absent than I remember having been for many years from ill health — The weather being unpleasant I rode to & from. Eve.g at home

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3d. day 14th. Attended to my Cf. House business through the day — made a call at Mothers and found her pretty well not having seen her before for about or near 3 weeks — Morning and ev. at home

4th day 15th — Spent the business hours of the day at the Cf. House principally — had a call from Gilbert Richmond relative to some facilities which he wished in his proposed new business — the dry goods and tailoring in connection with his brother Nathaniel — Imade a call at my Uncle Williams to see if I could promote his object — but I was unable to do so. — Morning & ev. at home — Ma chez H. has taken a new Girl into the family to fill the place of M. McMaster who expects to go to her friends in Maine in a day or two

5th day 16th Spent the business hours of the day principally at the Cf. House — Morning at home Alex. being sick I attended to a part of his duties — Went to meeting, and heard the answers to the long Standing queries in relation to the State of the Society read — which forcibly reminded me of long by-gone days when I officiated as clerk on Similar occasions — The meeting is considerably reduced in size from what it was at that period — Went to Mothers with the other members of Our family except Sister C. to tea and

Here met for the 1st time since her marriage Susan Nye, daughter of Asa Russell with whom I was acquainted in our younger days She was married when quite young to Clement Nye, bro. of Gideon & Obed, — who died last leaving her a widow — She has 4 Children Asa the Oldest was with her probably 25 yrs who seems a bright intelligent young farmer — he left us after tea to hear a Mormon lecture — On returning from Mothers we unexpected had to encounter a severe Snow Storm, which I think must have diverted Susan if not her Son from returning to their home in Fairhaven about 3 miles as they intended — Mother sent her carriage to us thither & home again —

6th Day 17th Attended to some of Alex.rs duties in the Mg. and rode out to my Dartmouth lots to get one of my tenants to supply Alex.r absence at the Stable &c — business hours at the Cg. House &c — had a call from Franklin Seabury, — and made one myself at my bro.s Wm's Cg. House relative to the Asa Howland and a pending negociation to get rid of our liability in relation to it — took tea at Mothers to save a wet walk home, as I had to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the Port Society — On clearing this Mg — had a fine view of the train of the Comet now in this

part of the System — a vivid white streak in a S.E.^{ly} direction from the Western horizon probably 50.° in length the 7th day 18th morning At home as usual, business hours at the C.H. House — and at home in the eve — Henry Blood and Georgiana Riddell spent part of it with us — The Comet splendidly visible the Nucleus as well as the train — both with the naked eye and through the telescope — This Grand and rare appearance may well have filled the nations with anxiety and alarm in times of ignorance, and before the Stores of Science had been accumulated by the continued labors of many generations — But with the present evidence of an infinite presiding benevolence superintending the works of Infinite Wisdom and Power — there is no cause of alarm — but it should it shows stimulate us as a new and appeal to our erring minds to yield in unreserved dedication to the Spiritual laws which the same wisdom and goodness has established for the improvement and happiness of our race — in some degree comparable to the unswerving fidelity with which the Physical laws of the Universe are obeyed from the delicate & fragile flower that gems

this wayside to the planets & comets in their track through the regions of illimitable space — then how numerous will be the occasions of wonder and adoration — ever present to the attentive mind, but very inadequately heeded in this sublime connection — whether or not to grand and glorious and rare a visitant should make, in the flux of generations, its specific and powerful appeal to the imagination & the heart. — Sister Phebe is quite ill to day with her cold — and Frank has been two days in the nursery with the access of the Croup —

1st Day 19th Attended meetings at Friends' place of worship AM & PM — and in the evg. went to the Univ. Ch. and heard Mr. Peabody's closing lecture on the history of Christianity — he has stopped short of his original design, having (as I believe) shut down his curt. no later than the Reformation of Luther — This lecture was upon the delusions which have at different times prevailed in relation to the 2d. Advent — and closed with very forcible and sensible remarks on the causes and tendencies of such excitements on the subject and religious excitements in general — in these he evinced no lack of Charity freely admitting that in many cases they have a legitimate foundation in the Power of religious truth — beneath the

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delusions or errors with which they may have been connected — but when the result of extraneous causes working on the fears and imagination rather than the reason and the conscience. after the occasion has passed there is danger of a relapse into a deeper insensibility than before — Sister Phebe and Frank seem both to be better to day though yet confined to the nursery — Susan Parsons called to take leave towards eve — as she expects to leave on her return to Flushing tomorrow — She has the unpleasant intelligence of Abby Parsons having had a severe hemorrhage from the lungs — ma chere H was at Mrg. in the morning — but is somewhat unwell with a cold

2 day 20th Attended the Bank Directors meeting and called at mothers in relation to the Sea Wall on her farm having received a letter from David Buffum on the subject of acting as a referee if this course for an adjustment should be adopted — Wm. C. of the forenoon at the Cg. House — Henry Blood of New Orleans dined with us — after he left us. in the latter part of the afternoon I went to the Cg. House where I remained till near 9 O'Clock called at A. Robeson's to see mother on my return home

3d day Spent the business hours at the

Cg. House &c - W.J. at the Lyceum Lecture which was del.d by Wm. J. Potter Subject Moral Energy - and well treated

4th Day 22d. Went to the Cg House and Rail Road depot before breakfast to forward some documents to Newyork by bro: Andw who with sister Anna left for Phil.a via Boston - gave attention to business through the day - W.J. at home - Ma chere & her two plants fumigated with tobacco in the Green House to destroy insects - the odor penetrated considerably into the house though the precaution was taken to close & lock the parlor adjacent - I spent the W.J. ready. in the dining room the Children &c in the library - Sister P.D. Frank seem to be better - though both yet in the nursery

5th Day 23d. Morng. at home business hours of the day at the Cg. House - did not attend Meeting partly from the pressure of my engagements at the time and partly because I am not particularly inclined to be at the Meetings for discipline. W.J. with Ma chere P.M. at our neighbor Gyo. Hussey's there was no other company except Eliz.a Tabor a few others of their fam.y & friends being detained by ill health & the wintry weather they expect to leave this place to reside

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in New York on 3. day next — George with a young brother of Wm. Mackay continuing under the same firm the Commission House of "Hussey & Mackay" of established Reputation and good business — the present Partners retiring — This offers a very eligible opening for Geo. to retrieve his affairs, and is very agreeable to his wife as restoring to her the Society of relations and early friends — we shall miss them as agreeable neighbors —

6th. day 24th. Passed the day in attention to business at the C.H. House Morning and evg. at home — Our little Ellen is troubled with a bad Cold and mostly confined to the Nursery — where Sister D & Frank yet principally are — Our D. Susan had a second application of leaches (3) to her Shoulder or about the left Clavicle she lost considerable blood again, so as to reduce her strength sensibly but I have not much confidence in their efficacy — I have this day completed my 51 year and ent. my 52 — a long period for retrospect, though Short seeming to me and without much except a dimness of sight requiring artificial aids to remind me that the meridian of life is passed — a long opportunity for life's great object, Moral discipline and a preparation for that higher life for which the present is designed as an introduction

a period imperfectly improved, crowded with the proofs of the guardian care and divine benevolence of an Ever watching Providence. — Proofs too little heeded, but which all our attention it w? not be possible for us fully to realize — But we can & we ought habitually to recognize his blessed agency and presence under all circumstances. and let the incense of adoration rise spontaneously as it would with a just exercise of our various powers from the altar of a grateful and trustful heart — may this sentiment more & more expand and warm our hearts and produce those wholesome and refreshing fruits preparatory to the successive translation of the different members of our family circle to the blissful abodes which await the righteous in the world of Spirits — I made an attempt to call on my mother on this anniversary but a visit which She was making at Bro^th^ Williams prevented my finding her at home —

7^th^ Day 25 Occupied at the Q. House thro the business hours, but not wholly with the appropriate duties of the place — a call from James G Stubbs one of the Washingtonian Lecturers occupying most of the forenoon — Spent the eve. there in bringing up my days work and called at Mothers on my way

home — where were Bro: Wm & Sister Rebecca — Consulted on the subject of renting the north tenement of her house on Water St — took a seat with W & R. on their side home — Our invalids remain much as yesterday except Sister P. who is decided by better

1st Day 26th Attended Friends meeting A.M & P.M — had a call after the Mg. Mg from Sister Rebecca & her daughter Ellen — ma chere H at Mg. with me in the forenoon — She called with me in the afternoon at our neighbors Geo. Hussey and saw their two little Children — they expect to leave for their new home on 4th day next — I went to the Washingtonian Mg at this Hall — James B. Congdon was there and officiated at the religious services and made the closing address — a Sailor lately arrived in the Frs. Henrietta told his experience in his career of intemperance — it was a thrilling narative — beginning at 11 years of age and continuing till his recent arrival and afterwards till he signed the pledge of Membership in this wonderful movement — the narative showed in a striking light the degrading influence of the habit, leading into all kinds of Perils Physical & Moral attendant with vices and crimes either accomplished or meditated or hazarded of

the most debasing and dangerous Character — That he should have been spared to live through them all seems almost a miracle and he seemed to be religiously impressed on the Subject — as must his hearers or many of them have been — May he be one instrument for forwarding the good work among among his Sea faring brethren who as a Class have unquestionably suffered most deeply from the temptations into which the Rum traffic and the vices — persons thereby induced has led them — more so than any other — and through them the indirect Evils on the inhabitants of uncivilized Countries with whom they have been thrown is doubtless the most appalling — In a short time I went to the Episcopal Church in the evening with Mary Edmund.

2 day 27 Partially employed before breakfast in some domestic Objects. with my Son Thomas after the usual devotional reading and the morning meal went to the Bank Directors Meeting — then acted with J.B. Congdon as one of the Comtee of the Lyceum appointed a year or more relative to the disposal of the property and paying the Debt — all of which duties are now accomplished and the report will probably be presented tomorrow. thence home to attend the preparation of the Report

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of the Temp.ce Comtee to the Town at the approaching Annual Meeting — Afternoon called to gain some information at the Jail, failing in my object from the absence of the Keeper I made a call on the Police Judge & and on the District Attorney — finished the afternoon at the C.G. House and after tea went to a mtg of the ex.m board of the Port Sock which occupied the mg principally Wes. A Greene called a few minutes on our return & I found Mr.d Mrs. Beam at our home — who remained a short time after my return

3.d day 28 — After breakfast called at the Jail and obtained the information which I desired from the Keeper's Register — Spent the day in writing the Report of the Temp.ce Comtee went to the mtg. toward Sunset and after tea attempted to go to the Lyceum lecture but found that it was postponed on acc.t of the absence of the Lecturer who was detained by the Storm or other cause but if not thus voluntarily detained could not have got here in season, the Rail Road track being broken by the washing of some portion of the embankment — I called at Mothers for a few minutes & then returned home

4.th day 29.th Occupied in the forenoon on the Temperance Report, and a considerable

part of the afternoon at home on business of the Estate, having a call from Earl Sampson Administrator of the Estate of Ab.m Chase dec.d of Stonet village in the town of Freetown.—
Eve.g at home
6.th day 30.th M.g at home, forenoon at the C.g House, I attended in the afternoon the funeral solemnities consequent on the death of William Coffin formerly of this place but recently of Middleborough, who died on 2.d day last, and was buried from his sisters Mary & Eunice Coffins. He was a very industrious and worthy man who has had many difficulties to struggle with and has left a destitute family consisting of a widow and 9 or 10 Children — all but one Son (Wm. who is a clerk in the Mechanics Bank) — at home — and several of them young & helpless — On the departure of the Profession — I made a call on the Police Judge and on the Dis.t atty. — thence to the C.g House — after tea went to the Meeting of the Temp.ce Com.ee & at the close of the m.g stopped in at the Town Hall and one Speech by D.r Carpenter of the State Washingtonian Commen. which had a sitting here 2 day

6th day 3Cm°. 31st — Occupied a considerable part of the forenoon making some addition and supplying some omissions from defect of Statistical facts at the original writing — then to the Cg. House — after dinner had a call from Mr: Eames of N°. Providence a temp°. Lecturer & preacher among the baptists — he has suffered much in his earlier life from the evils of intoxicating liquors — He read some verses he had just written on one of the Nun Sellers of this Town — Eve: of the afternoon at the Cg. House Mother & Sister Eliza with us at tea, mother had a slight cold & the Cg. was unpleasant some rain & ice / I attended them home — Our invalids rather improving — all in the parlour

1st day 4m°. 1 — Spent the day principally at the Cg. House — called at Washington Hall to enquire after the Sailor who spoke there last 1st day Cg — did not find him — but had a conversation with the Rev. W. Thompson of Dedham who has lectured twice or more on Temp°. thought he was a methodist — but rather awkwardly found that he was a Universalist — I had

not however committed myself in any manner as which he could take exception — was informed that the signature of the T. A. Pledge was very general in Worcester — number half probably of the entire population viz between 3 & 4000 — David the Sailor afterward called on me at the Cy. House, and I went with him to see Mr Clapp — but found that he was absent from Town — Eve. at home

1st day 2d Attended Meetings as usual, Mrs Chase H. with me in the forenoon — went in the eve. to Washington Hall — to hear Mr Johnson of Boston who has been an effective lecturer on Temperance for the last 2 years — The hall was closely crowded which made a very bad atmosphere, but the lecture was a very good one — he was before he signed the pledge reduced to the lowest degradation by intemperance in character and poverty but it did not appear that he ever led into crime, or to treat his wretched family with positive unkindness — He related a fact which he was told by Judge Taylor when he was lecturing at Mobile, who then signed the pledge — That he was one of 20 aspiring young men who started in life together — 17 now filled drunkards graves & himself & 2 others who then, or had been Governors of States — were for gone in intemperance — he was not free in the use of harsh language toward the Rum Sellers, but he proved them to be, what was well known before the supporters of Drunkenness

which could not be wholly stopped while they continued the bill reducing tariff —

2. day 3d — At home engaged in some work for the family & in the Mg — forenoon at the Cg. House — being down too late to attend the Mg. of the Bank Director. — afternoon at the Cg. House & Mg. at home having the company of Dr. Read's family including his niece Abby Read from Worcester — and mother and Sister Elvira to tea &c — We saw the niece on our journey last Summer at W — her parents are both dead — and also a brother. all within a year or not much longer period I believe She is about 20 and appears to be a discreet and sensible girl — The visit was a very satisfactory one

3d. day 4th Attended to domestic concerns in the morning & to Cg. House duties &c in forenoon the afternoon rode into the Country to see Jacob who formerly lived with us and who had made application to come to us again. but I found that we cannot probably come to an agreement — after leaving Jacobi who has made very considerable improvement of his place I rode down to Smith's Neck to see Seth Huttons to enquire relative to a claim on the Creditors of Capt. Sam[l] Chadwick — went in my new light wagon which I found a very pleas[t] vehicle — got home about 8 O'C